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JAPANESE DRIVE ULTIMATELY MAY MENACE HANKOW

But Chinese Clinging Tenaciously to Flank Guarding Road to West

Hankow, Feb. 5.

With Chuchow, a town south of Pengpu, as their base, the Japanese forces are advancing northward along the Tientsin-Pukow railway line towards Hsuchowfu, while another column is advancing in a south-westerly direction towards Hofei.

The objectives of these drives are at present not ascertainable, but the Japanese seem to be aiming at a bigger and more far-reaching objective by striking overland towards Chengchow, in Honan Province, thus outflanking the entire Chinese force along the Lunghai railway, and seriously endangering Hankow.

Aside from holding the Japanese troops along the Hwaiho River, heavy Chinese reinforcements are at present stationed amongst the hills east of Hofei for the purpose of checking the Japanese drive to the west, and also attacking the Japanese flank on the Tientsin-Pukow railway.—*Reuter.*

Still Hold High Ground

Shanghai, Feb. 5.

Chinese reports state Chinese troops continue to hold the highlands around Pengpu, in spite of the intensive Japanese air and artillery bombardment.

Thousands of General Li Chung-jen's crack Kwangsi troops are now marching swiftly into the line to reinforce the north bank of the Huai River, which the Japanese have not yet crossed.—*United Press.*

Red Cross Aid From Germany

Shanghai, Feb. 5.

According to Chinese reports from Hankow, the German Red Cross has decided to send to China this month a shipment of medical supplies sufficient for the treatment of 100,000 wounded soldiers and war refugees.—*Reuter.*

Ambassador To Report

Hankow, Feb. 5.

Dr. Hsu Shih-ying, Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, accompanied by Dr. Shao Ju-lin, Consul General at Yokohama, arrived at Hankow yesterday afternoon by airplane from Hongkong.

They will report to the Government the latest situation in Japan. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had dinner with the Ambassador last night.—*Reuter.*

Returning To Normal

Chefoo, Feb. 5.

Conditions in Chefoo are slowly returning to normal.

Telephone and telegraph services are now functioning smoothly, but no Chinese newspapers are publishing.

Chang Hua-nan, who was sent here by the Peiping "Provisional Government" was installed to-day as Mayor and, concurrently, Chairman of the East Shantung Reconstruction Committee, the installation taking place at a simple ceremony at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Leading Chinese business men and representatives of the foreign Chamber of Commerce were present.

Speeches were made by several persons, including representatives of the Japanese services, the ceremony concluding with five bows towards the five-barred flag and one bow towards the new mayor.

An old Chinese fort on the east beach has been blown up by the Japanese.—*Reuter.*

FORMER "HEAD" OF RUGBY PASSES ON

Agra, Feb. 5.

The death is announced here of Dr. Vaughan, former Headmaster of Rugby.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH FLAG IGNORED

Planes Bombed Alcira From 100-Foot Height

Barcelona, Feb. 5.

The captain of the British steamer Alcira, which was sunk by Insurgent bombers, said in an interview to-day that the bombs were dropped from a height of less than a hundred feet.

Two of the crew were slightly wounded. The steamer carried a large Union Jack, the Mercantile Marine Red Ensign and the Non-Intervention Control Flag, all of which, the captain maintains, must have been clearly visible to the attacking aircraft.

He added that the vessel continually followed the route recommended by the Nyon Agreement.

The black crosses on the wings of the attackers were clearly seen by the crew of the Alcira. This is the identification mark used by Insurgent planes.—*Reuter.*

ITALY GIVES SUPPORT

London, Feb. 5.

Italy, like France, has agreed to Great Britain's proposals for more drastic naval control measures off the coast of Spain.

A note delivered to the British Government to-day concurs in the measures which Britain intends to adopt in the western Mediterranean Zone, and proposes to adopt similar measures in the zone entrusted to the Italian naval patrol.—*Reuter.*

WILL ACT ALONE IF NECESSARY

London, Feb. 5.

Authoritative British circles indicate that Britain intends to expand and strengthen the Nyon Conference patrol precautions irrespective of what action is taken by other countries participating in the agreement, and Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, will make a full statement in the House of Commons Monday.—*Reuter Special.*

LEFT WITHOUT CARGO

London, Feb. 5.

The N.Y.K. liner Haruna Maru left London to-day without loading her cargo.—*Reuter.*

Anglo-American Naval Parleys Revealed

DIRECTS MERCY WORK

Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, commanding H.M.S. Ladybird, and the Yangtse River flotilla, despite injuries, directs the seamen who are binging aboard the wounded from the ill-fated U.S.S. Panay, bombed and sent to the bottom by Japanese planes. Ladybird had also been fired on, by Japanese batteries, lost one killed and carried honourable scars, when this picture was taken.

JAPANESE NAVY TO STRIVE "TO EXTERMINATE" ENEMY

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

The morale of officers and men of the Japanese Fleet in China waters is exceptionally high now that the Government's fundamental China policy has been established. Admiral Hasegawa, Commander-in-Chief of the fleet informed the Japanese nation in a message delivered by Captain Yamasaki, Staff Officer of Imperial Headquarters.

The message assured the nation that the fleet will "bend every ounce of energy towards exterminating the anti-Japanese elements in China, at the same time dealing tactfully with the delicate international situation, so as to obtain the ultimate objective of the present China crusade."

Admiral Hasegawa expressed his warm appreciation of "the solid support and enthusiastic encouragement given to the naval men in China."

"The aim of our diplomacy is to make Japan the central figure, establishing permanently stable conditions in East Asia," the Prime Minister, Konoye, told the lower House in the Diet last night.

FORM OF ISOLATION

"It is my belief that Japanese diplomacy should be independent of political currents in Europe and America," he said.

The mistaken idea of birth control must be strictly suppressed because an increase of population forms the foundation of national development, Marquis Koichi Kido, concurrently Minister of Education and Public Welfare, told the Diet.

Earlier it was revealed that the Ministry of Public Welfare had decided to seek legislation empowering sterilisation of persons suffering from hereditary diseases.—*Reuter.*

STIMULATING CONFIDENCE

London, Feb. 5.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in a speech at Birmingham last night, said Britain had just given proof of her confidence in the future by relaxing regulations on lending to foreign borrowers.

It is believed the change will stimulate international trade.

It is the aim of the British Government, he said, to make 1938 the starting point of new confidence and security throughout the world.—*Reuter's Special.*

NO NOTICE TAKEN OF WARNING

Terauchi Believed Behind Threat

Hankow, Feb. 5.

There has not been the slightest perceptible reaction to the Japanese warning to foreigners to evacuate the territory lying to the north of the Yangtse River.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office to-day drew attention to the similarity of this warning to that issued by Admiral Hasegawa in September in connection with Nanking. Chinese authorities believe that for foreign diplomats the best policy is to ignore it.

The spokesman expressed the opinion that the Chinese "must erect better anti-aircraft defences and strive to embitter the people to pursue the struggle."

An unimpeachable source attributes the warning to General Count Terauchi, at Peiping, probably because this area comes under his command.—*United Press.*

NINE KILLED IN FACTORY BLAST

Capetown, Feb. 5.

Nine persons are reported to have been killed in a dynamite factory explosion in Somerset West, 30 miles from Capetown.—*Reuter Special.*

BERLIN REVEALS OBJECT OF TALKS

British Ambassador Off To London

Berlin, Feb. 4.

According to German circles, the visit of the British Ambassador to Berlin to London is connected with important Anglo-German discussions which are intended to carry a step further the negotiations opened during the recent visit to Germany of Lord Halifax. The negotiations comprise such subjects as an air pact, the question of colonies and a general European settlement.

British quarters in Berlin are silent, expressing the opinion that any statement should be forthcoming from London and not Berlin.—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE'S ADVICE RESENTED

Japanese Press Regrets Action

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

"The action of the League of Nations in recommending individual assistance to China is a matter for regret, both with regard to the League's status and its influence for world peace," says the *Miyako Shimbun*, popular daily in a leader to-day.

It adds: "If the League sincerely desires to ensure world peace in the true sense of the term it should attempt to check the communistic activities of the Soviet and anti-Japanese agitation by Marshal Chiang's regime, which disturb the peace of the Far East.

"No matter what resolutions are adopted by the League Japan, as the stabilising power in the Far East, will carry out the fundamental policies for establishing lasting peace in the Far East."—*Reuter.*

REFUGEE TRAIN ARRIVES

Coming To Colony To-night

Canton, Jan. 6.

Shrieking air raid sirens greeted the arrival in Canton at 6.30 a.m. to-day of the last refugee train from Hankow.

Aboard were eighty foreigners, including 65 Americans. The majority of the latter are schoolchildren.

The trip from Hankow to Canton took over 100 hours, the train being held up for a considerable period when the track ahead was destroyed by Japanese bombers.

The refugees have been accommodated at the Victoria Hotel in Shameen and will leave for Hongkong to-night by the 5.30 p.m. express. They are expected to arrive in the British Colony before mid-night.—*United Press.*

Wall Street Unsettled

New York, Feb. 5.

Wall Street opened unsettled this morning but later support for the market appeared and a number of stocks rallied sharply.

The list closed at the day's best levels, recording mostly gains of anything to three dollars in a turnover of 810,000 shares.—*Reuter.*

TEACHER APPOINTED

Miss Ruth Audsley has been appointed Assistant Mistress in the Kindergarten section of the Education Department, as from last Thursday.

ADMIRAL LEAHY PLANS TO REVEAL DETAILS OF CONFERENCE LATER

Congress Committee Hears of German-Brazilian Flirtation

Washington, Feb. 5.

The fact that Rear-Admiral Ingersoll, chief of the War Plans Division of the U.S. Navy, conversed with British naval authorities during his recent visit to London was implied, though not admitted, by Admiral William Leahy, Operations Chief, during his testimony before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee to-day.

The Committee is discussing the naval expansion programme shortly to be brought before Congress.

Questioned as to whether Rear-Admiral Ingersoll has reported on the London visit, Admiral Leahy declined to answer because, he said, the question involved vital information concerning the defence of the country.

He promised at a later stage, however, to "tell all about it."

Admiral Leahy told the Committee that the United States navy was incapable of simultaneously defending both Pacific and Atlantic coastlines, and asserted that a much larger increase than that proposed in the expansion programme would be necessary in order to provide adequate defence for both seaboards.

MISTRUSTS GERMANY

Mr. John J. McGrath, Democrat Congressman for the 8th Californian District, uttered a warning that Germany's flirtation with Brazil might necessitate keeping the United States fleet in the Atlantic in the near future.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Carl Vinson, suggested that some time in the future America might be compelled to construct a sea-level canal somewhere in Central America, since the Navy's eggs were at present in one basket—namely, the Panama Canal.

Admiral Leahy expressed the opinion that naval base facilities should be established in Alaska, but he was unable to give details or recommendations on the suggestion at present.—*Reuter.*

Hitler Now Commands Armed Forces

Von Blomberg Out Of Cabinet

Von Ribbentrop Elevated

Berlin, Feb. 5.

Herr Adolf Hitler has announced that he will henceforth take supreme command of the German Armed Forces.

Field Marshal von Blomberg, whose recent marriage caused dissension with the *Fuehrer*, is no longer War Minister or Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces.

A new office, which will also attend to the affairs of the War Ministry, has been created by Herr Hitler. It will be called the "Supreme Command of the Armed Forces" in the Reich's War Ministry.

This office will be placed under the direct command of Herr Hitler.—*Reuter.*

NEW SECRET COUNCIL

Berlin, Feb. 5.

Freiherr K. von Neurath becomes head of the new secret Cabinet Council which will advise Herr Hitler on all foreign political questions, it is revealed to-day.

The Cabinet will include Herr von Ribbentrop, who will take the title of Foreign Minister, and General Keitl, the new Chief of the Supreme Command.

MILITARY CHANGES

The new secret Council also includes General Herman Goering, the Minister for Air; Major Rudolf Hess, Minister without Portfolio and Herr Hitler's Private Secretary; Dr. Josef Goebbels, Minister for Propaganda and Admiral Dr. Raeder, Chief of Staff of the Navy.

General von Fritsch, the Chief of Staff of the Army, has resigned his post as Commander in Chief of the German Army on the grounds of ill-health, and has been succeeded by Artillery-General von Brauschitsch, who also becomes a member of the new Council.

TAKES FOREIGN OFFICE

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, former Ambassador to London, becomes Foreign Minister in succession to Baron von Neurath, it is also announced.

The Reichstag has been summoned for February 20.—*Reuter.*

MASTER STROKE

Berlin, Feb. 5.

To-night's sudden master stroke by Herr Hitler was designed to effect a closer merging of Nazi Party and State.

It completely changes the form of the German Government by the formation of a Privy Council, which will not replace the Cabinet, but will be an over-riding body.

The nucleus of the Council will ostensibly advise the *Fuehrer* on all

(Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

BRITAIN THOROUGHLY AROUSED

London, Feb. 5.

Thoroughly aroused by the sinking of the Alcira by Insurgent bombers, on top of the torpedoing of the Endymion by an Insurgent submarine, Britain has decided on energetic measures to sink pirates in the Mediterranean on sight and shoot down planes attacking British ships.

It is considered certain the latest incident will strengthen Mr. Anthony Eden's determination to enforce vigorously the defence measures in the British patrol area, regardless of the action of other Nyon Agreement signatories, France and Italy.

It is likely air units will return to patrol and a war-time convoy system may be planned.

Following a prolonged telephone conversation with London, the French authorities ordered the Mediterranean control fleet to sink pirate submarines. Italy, it is stated, proposes similar measures.

Seamen of the Alcira say the ship was first fired on by machine guns. The planes then returned, swooped low, nearly touching the masts, and bombed her.—*United Press.*

JAPANESE PLANE SHOT DOWN

Wuchow, Feb. 5.

One of two Japanese planes which raided Tsching in Kwangsi yesterday morning was shot down by Chinese rifle fire.—*General News.*

(Further Stop Press News on Page 16.)

Question time in your BEDROOM

by

ZOE FARMAR

ON the end of his bed William Powell has a dashboard full of buttons.

As well as just ordinary buttons for calling the servants, there is a button which when pressed opens the front gates (some avenues from the house) and flood-lights the drive; another which turns the bath on; one to draw the curtains; one for the radio, and one which makes a cocktail cabinet spring out of the wall.

And a lot of other buttons whose purposes I can't remember, and the sad part is neither can he. I'm told that quite often when a message from the front gates says friends are calling, will he please open, he just presses the button which turns on the bath and waits. When the water starts trickling under the door, he knows he has made a mistake.

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ALL of which seems to me to be carrying bedroom planning too far. I mean the average person goes to bed to sleep, not carry on a sort of business efficiency exhibition.

And while we're on illustrious sleeping joints, I'd say Charles Laughton's is more of a lesson in rest. White, with all the cupboards and drawers built in the walls; and the feature of the room the bed, which has a cover made from swans' breasts.

But let's get along to your room. Questions time.

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1. Is the floor close-covered in carpet? Rugs on a polished floor may look very pretty (although they never do unless the room is large), but they are not comfortable, and carpeting can be as cheap as almost any floor covering.

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2. Have you enough room for your clothes? So many bedrooms are always untidy simply because there is not enough putting-away room, and often the owner's excuse is that any more cupboards will make the room look too small.

But things lying about crowd a room much more than do plain cupboards built flat against the wall.

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3. If you share a double room, have you arranged it so that all your things are on one side of it, your husband's on the other? There is no reason why a room shouldn't look just as attractive with two dressing tables in it. The idea of one is just one of those habits of mind that impede comfort.

Although the likelihood of it happening is usually remote, a double bedroom should allow for couple sharing it both to dress at the same time without war.

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4. Does your elderdown always fall off in the night? Some of the newer quilts have an unquilted border to tuck in; it wouldn't be difficult to join a border like this to your own.

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5. Does your bedside light give enough light for reading without straining your eyes?

If you have an ordinary lamp standard with a shade, you can improve the light flow by cutting out a section of the shade (this hole can face the wall when you're not reading) so that when you read the light is directed straight over your shoulder, not diffused.

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6. Are your bedclothes light enough? The down-quilted blankets (of stockinette over the down) you can get now are twice as warm as the ordinary blanket and about half as heavy. You can have them in white and most pastel colours, and they're smart enough looking to do away with a bedspread.

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7. Do you sleep well? That, of course, is the only question which matters. But if you don't, it may be something to do with the room, the furnishing, the bed, the decoration.

Chronic insomnia can begin over something quite silly, like putting up with a ticking clock, being worried by the idea that a picture hanging over your bed may not be quite secure.

Daily Surprise Dish

GERMAN POTATO-PANCAKES (Kartoffelpuffer).

A German will make a whole meal of these pancakes, which he eats with a compote of fruit, usually bilberries.

This may seem an odd combination to you: potatoes and compote. But be adventurous and try it one day, and you'll be surprised how good and sustaining it is.

Peel five medium-sized potatoes. Grate them on a medium grater and add half a teaspoonful salt and one whole egg.

Beat together for a minute or two, heat some fat in an iron frying pan, and, when it is very hot, drop in enough of the potato mixture to cover the bottom of the pan. Fry to a good brown on both sides. Do not fold the pancakes; serve them in a pile, one above the other.

Try eating your Kartoffelpuffer with bottled red currants or loganberries.

Hester Valentine

"My wife is gonna be plenty mad. You should have heard her when we was up all night on that warehouse fire."

Joan Beringer's Fifteen Minutes for Beauty

For evening decolletage—*Neck and Elbows*

Essential is a decolletage to be proud of at your week-end parties, so the last of the week's beauty treatment is devoted to it.

You will need:

Cuticle softener—nail brush—good fatted soap—bottle of mixed almond and olive oil, or easily liquefying nourishing cream—face tissues.

FIRST soak a cottonwool pad in cuticle softener and rub your elbows vigorously. Let this dry while you rub cleansing cream into your neck, all round, up and down. Wipe off with tissues.

Now scrub your elbows with a well-soaked nail brush. Then make a lather with your hands and work it vigorously into your neck. Rinse again and again and then dry.

Warm your hands well, take a little oil or cream in your palms and rub into your elbows.

Take more cream, or oil, and for four minutes work it firmly into your neck, massaging upwards towards the throat in front, the nape behind. Grasp the throat firmly, but don't pull the skin.

For two minutes stand erect and rotate your shoulders backwards. As your shoulders go back, the contours of your throat and under-chin will become clear and youthful.

Remove cream from neck and elbows with face tissues. Wipe with astringent. Taking more astringent on your fingers, slap briskly beneath your chin. Then smooth some milk of almonds on neck and elbows, and dust lightly with powder.

This is the Aristocrat of Jellies

Housewife's Scrapbook

THE house of the future will probably dispense with kettles, because boiling water will flow from the taps. The latest gas heater boils fresh water for tea making, or any other purpose, within 40 seconds, at the useful flow of 2¼ pints a minute.

Not only does it boil to order, but a turn of the three-point control increases the flow to half a gallon a minute for pipingly hot washing up requirements, water for shaving, or the late night bottle fillings.

The third setting at "warm" brings over a gallon a minute at 90 degrees, which fills baby's bath, Friday night's shampoo, and average household requirements. That's what I call flexibility.

A. M.

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THE flight of the Sunday joint from the table to the waiting jaws of the family dog need no longer be one of those things which "may happen in the best-regulated households."

A device for anchoring the meat to the dish can be had for 1s. 6d. This safety rest, of stainless metal, screws on to the sides of the dish, and has saw-like teeth on which the joint sits firmly, so preventing a trapeze act and, incidentally, a soiled tablecloth.

ASPIC jelly and Ascot always go together in novels. In real life aspic goes with a great many other things.

If people are inclined to shun you for eating bowls of jellied eels, explain to them that you are really toying with eels in aspic, and wait for the hats to be raised.

For, though the ingredients in aspic jelly are slightly more elaborate than those used for jellied eels, the stuff is nothing more than a piquant, savoury jelly which has somehow acquired an aristocratic significance.

It can be bought in many forms which can easily be converted into the finished article with the aid of a little water, but, if you want to make it exactly to your liking, the only way is to make it entirely yourself.

Depends on your Taste

Most aspic jellies are much too acid to my taste, but, if you find my taste too mild, you can always add more vinegar.

Put a knuckle of ham, a knuckle of veal and a calf's foot into two quarts of water. Add two onions and two carrots sliced, a piece of lemon rind, a bouquet of herbs, two blades of mace and a dozen black peppercorns. Bring to the boil and skim.

Let it simmer until the stock is reduced to about a pint and a half. Strain it off and stand it aside to cool.

Wait till it's Cold

When it is quite cold, take off every particle of fat.

Melt the stock in a saucepan and then add to it the slightly beaten whites of two eggs, the crushed shells of the same, a wine-glass of sherry, and a tablespoonful each of malt and tarragon vinegar.

Whisk the whole lot together over the flame till it rises in the pan, then draw it aside and let it stand for a quarter of an hour.

Strain the liquor through a scalded cloth. Repeat until clear.

Has lots of Uses

Aspic jelly can be chopped up as a garnish for cold meats and salads, it can be used to mask cold cutlets, chickens' legs, or fillets of fish, and is the making of many cold entrees and savouries.

Cut into stars and other fancy shapes, it adds the last touch of decoration to the sandwiches and snacks which go with cocktails.

Home Page Cook

HE ONCE WEIGHED 16½ STONE

21 lbs. Off with Two Bottles of Kruschen

If you are overweight and want to reduce, there is no need to-day to put yourself on a drastic diet. Here is a letter from a man who is steadily losing his unwanted fat, yet satisfying his appetite to the full. He writes:—

"After taking two bottles of Kruschen Salts, I have reduced my weight from 16½ stone to 15 stone. I have made very little change in my diet. I have only cut out white bread and potatoes and gone on to whole-meal bread. I have four meals a day. The reduction in weight has been so beneficial that I can now tie my shoes without having to puff and blow after the effort. I hope shortly to be down to normal weight for a person aged 55."—P.W.L.

Kruschen is a scientific blend of six mineral salts found in the waters of those European Spas which have been used by generations of overstout people to reduce weight. Before the first bottle of Kruschen is finished, the fat starts to go. Then, month after month, the scales tell the same story—a few pounds less of superfluous flesh to burden the body.

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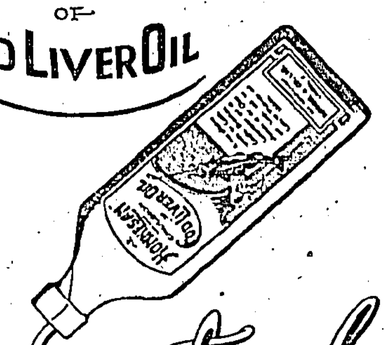

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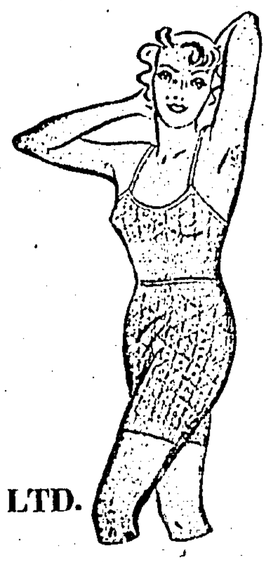

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ANTI-WHITE GENERAL SEES LONG WAR AHEAD OF JAPAN IN CHINA

GENERAL KEPT HIS SECRET

Warsaw.

Round the neck of one of Warsaw's many street beggars was hung a placard reading: "Deaf and dumb."

Grey-haired, wearing long black Jewish robes, he had been a familiar figure at street corners for the last twelve years.

Like every beggar, maybe, he had a secret.

His secret was revealed this morning.

While he was walking up the steps of a Warsaw synagogue he fell. Passers-by, seeing that he did not move, ran to help him. They found him dead.

Police carried him back to his poverty-stricken room in a side street, searched and found his identity papers.

They told his secret.

He was Count Timoffej Muratow, sixty-eight years old, famous as a Czarist general who was a notorious Jew-baiter.

He had shared his secret with his only friend, another old beggar, who told the police that Muratow escaped from Russia in 1919 nearly starved to death.

Hoping to get sympathy from the Jews he pretended to be one of them.

But his Jew-baiting record was a source of danger. Feeling that he might disclose his identity if he talked he pretended that he could neither speak nor hear.

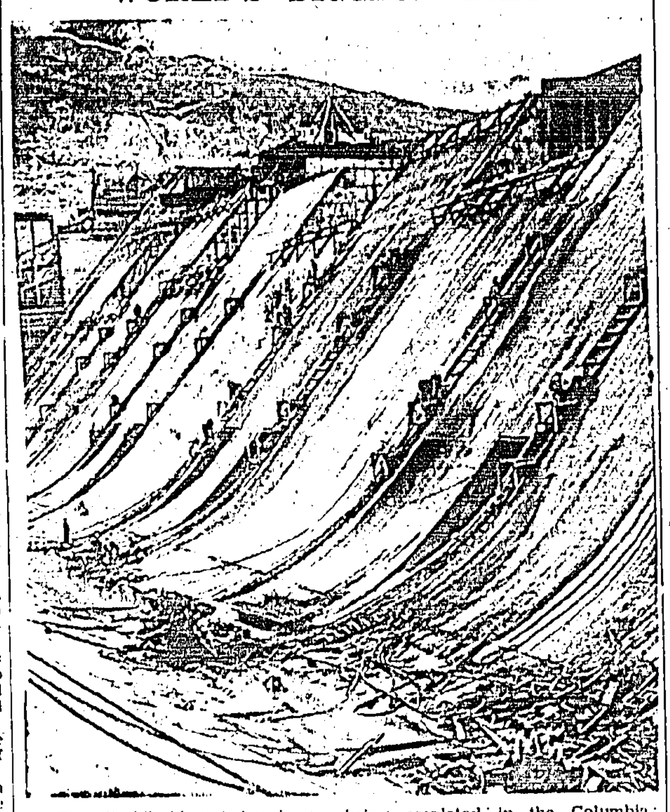
Chimney Catches Its Own Smoke

Berlin, Wednesday.

Hattingen, an industrial town in Westphalia, claims to have found a new way of combating the menace of smoke pollution.

Factories are being built there with a chimney devised to catch its own smoke, which has to be about 470 ft. high.—*Reuter.*

WORLD'S BIGGEST DAM



The World's biggest dam is now being completed in the Columbia River, near the Spokane River in Washington. An idea of the dimensions of the dam may be gained from the size of the people working on it.

TOPLESS BATHING SUITS FOR WOMEN BY 1940?

Coral Gables.

American women will be wearing topless bathing suits by 1940, Albert de Paris, New York beauty culture expert, predicted here. "They wear practically no tops now," he told a convention of the Florida Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association.

"In three years you will find them bathing in shorts, the same as men."—*United Press.*

CHIANG'S LIFE AT STAKE IF HE SURRENDERS

"BY the desperate expedient of reforming the Central Government, the Chinese leaders apparently hope to cope with the situation arising from the severe reverses suffered by their forces," said Adm. N. Suetsugu, Japanese Interior Minister, whose sensational anti-White outburst is still engaging world attention, in an interview in Tokyo.

"Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is in a quandary because if he surrenders to Japan his life will be in danger, while if he leaves the present situation as it is China will be dominated by Communistic influence.

"Therefore," went on Adm. Suetsugu, "Japan must be prepared for long-term hostilities. The capture of Nanking does not mean the end of the Sino-Japanese conflict."

Though regretting Adm. Suetsugu's anti-White declarations, informed circles in London stress the fact that they were published before the Admiral became a Minister, and therefore the declarations are unlikely to bring a diplomatic demarche.

The indifference of British official circles, says the French *Havas Agency*, is explained by the fact that on the day of publication of the Japanese Admiral's declarations, the Japanese authorities affirmed to the British Government that the interview represented the purely personal opinions of Adm. Suetsugu which were entirely different from those of the Japanese Government.

The Paris newspaper *Epoque* says that the declarations are highly instructive as they show that Japan intends to attempt to drive out of China not only the British, French and Americans, but also the Germans and Italians.

The journal goes on to appeal to all European nations to form a bloc for the defence of the common interests of western civilisation.

The Right Wing newspaper *Le Jour* says that Adm. Suetsugu's utterances are all the more important since the Admiral is regarded as the likely successor of the premier, Prince Konoye, and since it is further known that his views reflect those of the Japanese General Staff, says *Havas*.

Adm. Suetsugu's statements were not published by the German press and semi-official circles in Berlin decline to comment, reports *Havas*.

National-Socialist circles merely recall that Dr. Walter Gross, head of the German Racial Welfare Office, defined in 1935 Germany's position towards foreign races when he declared that differences among races are a scientific justification of Germany's racial policy.

"It is impossible to say whether someone belonging to another race is better or worse. Thus we admit for others the same rights which we claim for ourselves," it was stated.

The Perfect Sausage

Berlin.

The citizens of Augsburg, led by the mayor, desiring to enhance the glory of the town, claim to have produced "the perfect sausage."

For the last six months experiments have been made in combining meats and herbs. At the end of October, the competitors supplied their masterpieces to the eating houses of the town.

Under the supervision of a special eating committee, the entries were reduced to three, and last night, at a great sausage feast at which the three kinds were served, hot and cold, fresh and smoked, victory went to a truly noble delicacy.

It was given the simple name of Augsburg Sausage, and it is hoped to filch the world fame that hitherto has been Frankfort's.

A SPECIMEN CASE

Case No. 2582

The mother was arrested in July for hawking without a licence but was discharged with a caution and recommended to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs who reported the case to the Society which has supplied the family of eight persons with food and obtained admission for the two eldest boys to study at the night school attended by the boys of the Street Boys Club.

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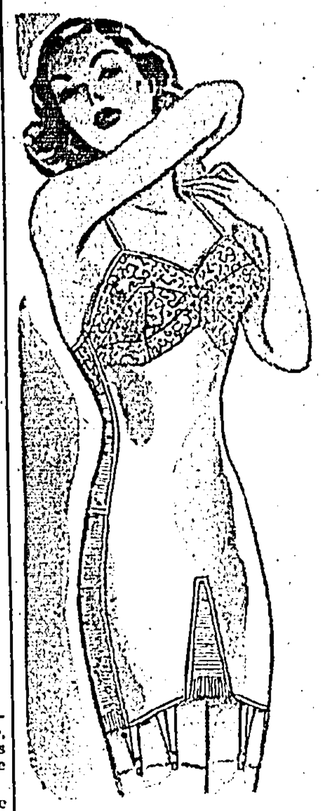

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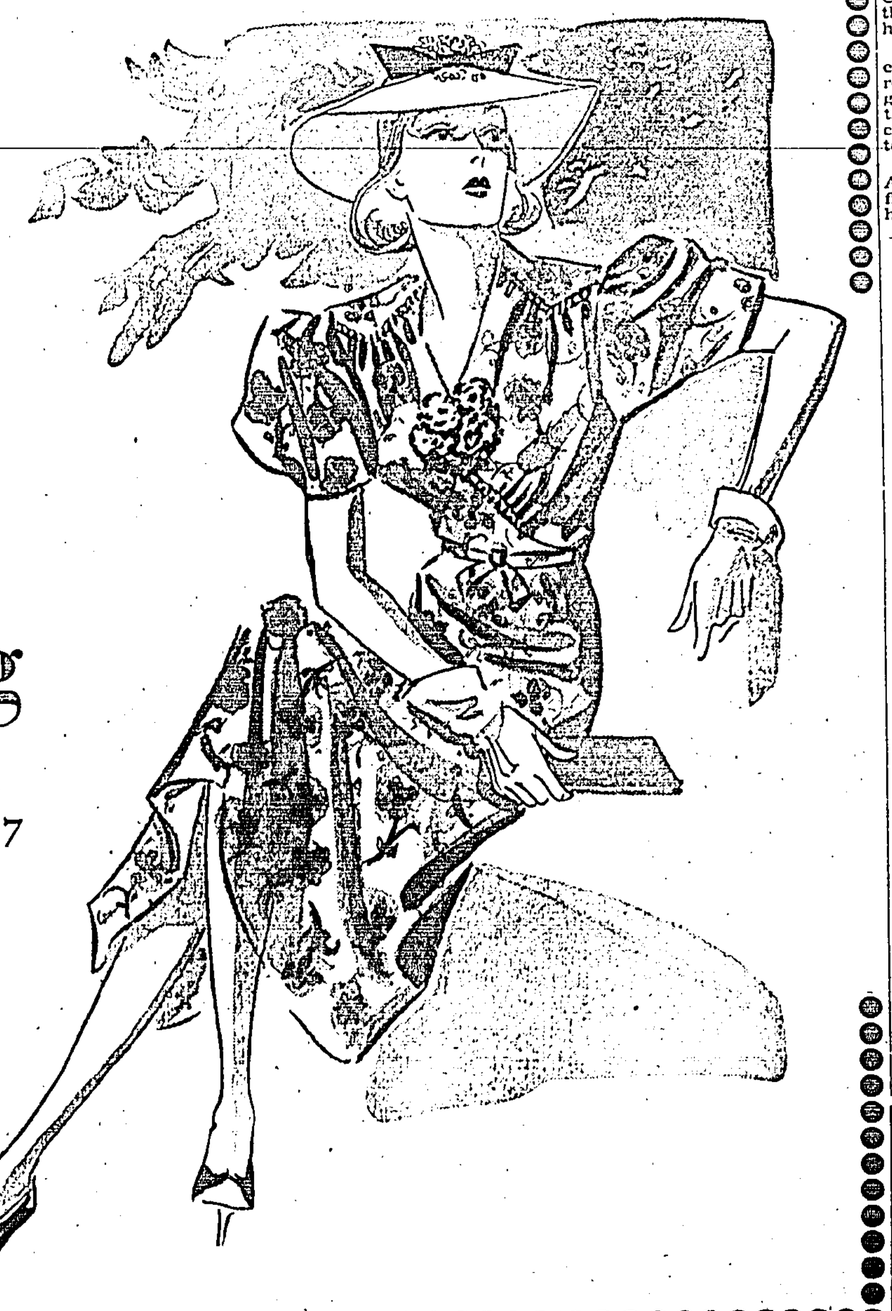

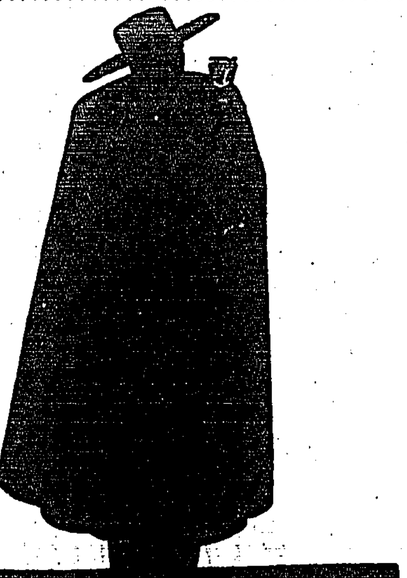

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Feb. 4.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The market to-day responded to a statement by the President to the effect that the majority of the recommendations made at the "Congress of Small Businessmen" were possible of fulfilment. Meanwhile, business reports reflected the general lack of demand for goods. Auto production and car-loadings are both down. There has been a noted improvement, however, in used-car sales, which predicts acceleration of new-car production next week. It is expected that the cuts in auto prices, led by Packard, will cause cuts in other prices, notably of steel. New York commercial, industrial and agricultural loans show an increase. Indexes of business activity show new lows since July 1935. The troubled situation in the Mediterranean is having its effect here.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market to-day staged a technical rally, but, barring some unlooked-for bullish developments, an early resumption of the decline is likely. Bank clearings for the week were off by 26-1/2%.

Cotton: The market is feeling the effect of the proposed amendment to the Farm Bill, which would authorise Government absorption of loan cotton, while re-sales would be limited to a price which covers all costs, plus bonus. The amendment will be bullish, if adopted. Forwardings to mills for the week totalled 205,000 bales.

Wheat: Exports to-day were moderate. Prices advanced on the possibility of complications in the Mediterranean, which caused shorts to run and cover. There has been no material relief in the drought situation in the South-West.

Corn: Exports to-day were moderate. The cash position is firm and country offerings are lighter.

Rubber: C.i.f. offerings were on a more workable basis to-day, but the market was otherwise featureless.

Sugar: Prices to-day were steady, with some scattered liquidation being absorbed by small covering by shorts and increased new buying.

Dow Jones Aver.	Feb. 3.	Close
30 Industrials	118.49	120.52
20 Rails	27.08	27.42
20 Utilities	18.25	18.44
40 Bonds	89.70	89.75
11 Commodity Index	52.71	53.17

EXCHANGE

Selling

T.T. London	1s. 2⅞
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T.T. Shanghai	104¼
T.T. Singapore	52⅞
T.T. Japan	100¼
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T.T. U.S.A.	31
T.T. Manila	62
T.T. Batavia	55½
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	93¾
T.T. France	9.40
T.T. Germany	76⅝
T.T. Switzerland	133¼
T.T. Australia	1/6½

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Examination for Local Clerks.

It is hereby notified that the applicants selected to sit at the examination for Local Clerks in H. M. Naval Yard have been communicated with by letter.

NOTICE

Page 31, Par. 3 of the St. John Ambulance Association & Brigade Annual Ball Programme should read as follows: "Messrs. Glaxo Co. for donating operating instruments to the value of £30."

R. LANGLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

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Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1938.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 4.

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by *Reuter*:

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
March	8.48/48	8.50/51
May	8.57/57	8.58/58
July	8.69/69	8.69/69
Oct.	8.75/75	8.81/82
Dec.	8.81/80	8.85/85
Jan.	8.84/84	8.88 N
Spot		8.60

The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber

March	14.23/23	14.26b/28a
May	14.40/40	14.44b/45a
July	14.51/50	14.55 /55
Sept.	14.65/62	14.64 /65
Dec.	———	14.79 N
Jan.	———	14.84 N

Sales for the day:—2,070 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	94⅛/94⅛	95⅛/95¼
July	89¾/89⅞	90⅞/91
Sept.	———	90⅛/91

Thursday's Sales:—
14,606,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	59 /58⅞	59½/59⅜
July	59⅞/59⅞	60⅜/60⅜
Sept.	———	61⅛/61⅛

Winnipeg Wheat

May	127⅛/126⅞	127¾/127⅞
July	———	119¾/119⅞
Oct.	———	100½/100½

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 7th day of February, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Rural Building Lot No. 405.	Repulse Bay Road.	As per sale plan.				About 20,000	$230	$4,000

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No 2607	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2254, Fuk Lo Tsun Rd., Kowloon City	As per sale plan.				About 2,257	$25	$1,693

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange weekly report issued yesterday says:

After showing signs of improvement, the market has suffered a slight relapse, due to the revival of the reports of a possible Canton invasion. However, prices have not given way to any extent, though buyers are adopting a cautious attitude.

H.K. Banks changed hands at $1,480, Hotels at $5.80, Trams at $14.70 and Electrics at $55¾. At the close, prices on the whole are a little better than those ruling just prior to the Chinese New Year holidays.

The Sterling market has been irregular, with a downward tendency discernible.

There has been a marked improvement in the Manila market during the week, most stocks registering gains from last week's closing. This market closes steady.

BUSINESS DURING WEEK

Hongkong Bank $1,485, $1,480
Canton Insurance $200
Union Insurance $500, $502, $500
Hongkong Fires $240
Wharves $119
Docks $28½, $29
Providents (Old) $2½, $2.55
Providents (New) 45 cts, 50 cts, 55 cts.
Hotels $5.60, $5.70, $5¾, $5.80, $5.85, $5.80
Lands $32½
Realties $4½
Tramways $14.60, $14.70, $14.65, $14⅝, $14.60, $14.70
Star Ferries $86½, $87
China Lights (Old) $11
Electrics $55½, $55 $55½ $55¾ $55¼ $55¾
Telephones (Old) $25.00 $26 $26.10
Cements $13.65 $13.70 $13¾ $13.80
Marsmans (H.K.) 4/4½, 4/6

Changes 3.15 p.m. (Closing Quotations)

Sales

H.K. Banks $1,480
Hotels $5.80
Trams $14.70
Electrics $55¾

CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

Concert to be Given by The Hongkong Singers

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the Methodist Church, Wanchai:

Sunday Services, February 6. Preachers: Morning, Rev. J. E. Sandbach; Evening, Capt. Holland.

Morning Parade Service at 10.15 at the English Methodist Church. Hymns 7, 48, 383, 463, 590.

The morning service will be followed by the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Evening Service at 7 p.m. at the English Methodist Church. Hymns 678, 431, 108, 91.

Notices for the Week

1. Following the Evening Service, a Social Hour will be held at 8.15. Refreshments are provided at minimum charges; all Servicemen and civilians are warmly welcomed.

2. The Badminton Club meets on Monday and Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Further particulars from the Secretary of the "S. and S. Home."

3. A meeting for Prayer will be held in the Chaplain's Room on Tuesday at 8 o'clock.

4. Preliminary Notice. A Grand Concert is to be given by the Hongkong Singers in the Theatre of the China Fleet Club on Wednesday March 9. Kindly book the date.

UNION CHURCH

Additional Teachers Wanted By Sunday School

S.A.C.A. MEETING

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the Union Church:

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Preacher at both services; Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the Morning Service.

The S.A.C.A. meets in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

The Helena May Christian Fellowship meets in the Institute on Friday morning at 10.30 a.m.

We are very urgently in need of additional teachers for the Sunday School, especially of someone who would be willing to act as Sperintendent. Will anyone who is prepared to undertake this work please get in touch with the Minister as soon as possible?

It has been suggested that a Boy's Brigade Company might be formed in connection with Union Church. Will any parents or boys who are interested in this scheme, please inform Mr. L. Gibson, Taikoo, or the Minister?

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow, Feb. 6, will be: "Spirit." The Golden Text will be: "Grieve not the holy spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Eph. 4).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked; the same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked." (Acts 14: 8-10).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "We never read that Luke or Paul made a reality of disease in order to discover some means of healing it. Jesus never asked if disease were acute or chronic and he never recommended attention to laws of health, never gave drugs, never prayed to know if God were willing that a man should live. When we come to have more faith in the truth of being than we have in matter, more faith in living than in dying more faith in God than in man, then no material suppositions can prevent us from healing the sick and destroying error." (Pages 369, 368).

Announcement.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Hongkong, a Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mas., Macdonnell Road, close to Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. The Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located at Bank of East Asia Building, 10 Des Voeux Road Central, and is open daily 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m. Evening except Wednesdays and Saturdays 5-7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science Literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

216—218 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Saturday, 9.15 p.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 11 a.m., Divine Service. Preacher, Rev. Howard Van Dyck. 6.30 p.m. (Service in Mandarin). Preacher, Mr. Andrew Gih. 8.30 p.m. Gospel Service. Preacher, Mr. H. A. Weller.

Thursday, 6.30 p.m. (Service in Mandarin). Preacher, Rev. H. A. Weller, China Inland Mission.

D'AGUILAR FIRING PRACTICE

Firing practice will be carried out from Cape D'Aguilar on six days in the near future.

Shipping is warned that the practice will commence on Thursday this week, and will be continued on Friday, and on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Firing will be between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

AIR CONDITIONING FOR KOWLOON HOSPITAL

Air-conditioning will be used in the operating theatre of the Kowloon Hospital next summer.

Government is calling tenders for the installation of an air-conditioning system there.

They will close at the Colonial Secretary's Office on March 14, and work will be put in hand almost immediately afterwards.

MRS. ANNA BUNJE LEFT $26,300

Local estate amounting to $26,300 was left by the late Mrs. Anna (or Annie) Dorothea Bunje, who died at 8 Torres Building, Kowloon, on November 26 last. Probate of the will has been granted to Mr. Henry Ferdinand Bunje.

The late Mr. Kan Pak-hing, *alias* Kan Park-hing, retired clerk, who died at 76 Des Voeux Road Central, local estate sworn under $28,700. Probate of the will has been granted to Ho Lai-po, Kan Lai-to and Kan Keng-tsun.

TO ACT AS ATTORNEY-GENERAL HERE

Mr. J. A. Fraser, M.C., will act as Attorney General in Hongkong during the absence of the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., who, with Mrs. Alabaster, is proceeding to England on leave by the P. & O. liner Chitral to-day.

RESUMES DUTIES

Mr. H. V. Straeten, Consul General for Belgium in Hongkong, has resumed charge of the Belgian Consulate, according to a notification in *Government Gazette* this morning.

VIBRO PILING CO. DIVIDEND

Subject to audit, the directors of the Vibro Piling Company Limited have recommended a dividend of 10 per cent. and a bonus of 20 cents per share in respect of the year ended December 31, 1937.

HITLER NOW COMMANDS ARMED FORCES

(Continued from Page 1.)

matters of foreign policy, but, actually, will advise him on all important matters.

Simultaneously, the Cabinet today decided on an important recall of Ambassadors, the meaning of which is not explained.

In addition to recalling Herr von Ribbentrop from London, Herr von Papen, Hen von Hassel and Herr von Dirksen have been recalled from Vienna, Rome and Tokyo. Their successors have not yet been announced.

NATURAL EVOLUTION

The sweeping changes are officially interpreted as a natural evolution of the Third Reich, marking the end of the first five-year stage.

To-day's changes have been a long time in preparation. It is disclosed that Herr von Neurath recently asked for permission to retire. Herr Hitler wrote him to-day, stating that his knowledge was indispensible and, while relieving him of the Foreign Ministry, requested him to remain his "Counsellor at the head of the State, who helped me faithfully for five serious years.—*Reuter.*

SEVEN GENERALS RETIRED

Berlin, Feb. 5.

General Goering has been made a Field Marshal.

Seven high generals have been retired as from February 28.—*Reuter.*

EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 3.	Feb. 4
Paris	152.20/32	152.17/32
Geneva	21.60	21.59¼
Berlin	12.40¾	12.41
Athens	547½	547½
Milan	95⅛	95⅛
Oslo	—	19.90
Copenhagen	22.48	22.42
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Helsingofrs	226⅛	226⅛
Shanghai	1/2⅛	1/2⅛
New York	5.00⅞	5.01⅛
Vienna	26½	26½
Amsterdam	8.96¾	8.96¾
Prague	142⅝	142⅝
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110⅛	110⅛
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/6⅛	1/6⅛
Montreal	5.00⅞	5.01⅛
Brussels	29.57	29.57¾
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	216	216
Bucharest	677½	677½
Montevideo	21¼	20¾
Rio de Janeiro	2.27/32	2.27/32
Silver (Spot)	21⅛	20¼
Silver (forward)	21⅛	19½
War Loan	102⅞	103¼

—*British Wireless.*

Two Raiders Shot Down

Canton, Feb. 4.

Two Japanese bombers, which took part in the mass air raid to-day, were hit by anti-aircraft shells, according to official reports released to-night.

One of the damaged planes is reported to have crashed at Kongchuen where the local military authorities have sent officers to investigate.

The fuel tank of the second machine was pierced by a shell and the plane crashed into the sea off Tongkawan in Chungshan district.

It is also claimed that several other planes were slightly damaged by Chinese shells.—*Central News*

French Won't Load Naldera

Claim Cargo Is War Material For Japan

Marseilles, Feb. 5.

French dockers have refused to load the P. and O. liner Naldera with 73 tons of aluminium destined for Shanghai and seven tons destined for Japan.

The dockers declare that the metal is war material, and are striking for 24 hours as a protest against its sale to Japan.

The Naldera, which is due to sail for the Far East to-morrow, will leave without the cargo.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office at 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Mail Service "Via Siberia" is temporarily suspended.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	February 5.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	February 5.
Japan	Mausang	February 6.
Straits	Menelaus	February 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Tyndareus	February 6.
Haiphong	Canton	February 7.
Tientsin	Chekiang	February 7.
Straits	Eurybates	February 7.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London Date 29th January	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**February 7.**
Shanghai and Amoy	Taiyuan	February 7.
Japan and Shanghai	Antenor	February 8.
Straits	Cremer	February 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Felix Roussel	February 8.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st February.	**Pan American Airways Plane**	**February 8.**
Straits	Terukuni Maru	February 8.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Saturday		
Swatow	Haiyang	Sat., Feb. 5, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa.	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Sat., Feb. 5, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt, and *Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi, 25th February	Conte Rosso	Sat., Feb. 5, G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Feb. 5, 2.45 p.m. Ord., Feb. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy, Foochow (via Amoy) and *Shanghai	Kingyuan	Sat., Feb. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Lyeemoon	Sat., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service."	**C.N.A.C. Plane**	**Sat., Feb. 5. Kowloon P.O. Reg., Feb. 5, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 5, 5 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Feb. 5, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 6, 6 a.m.**
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London. 14th February	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Sat., Feb. 5. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg., Feb. 5, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.**
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 13th February	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Sat., Feb. 5. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Reg., Feb. 5, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.**
Sunday		
Hoihow	Ninghai	Sun., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Seistan	Sun., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Tanda	Sun., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Swatow	Soochow	Mon., Feb. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Mon., Feb. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Taksang	Mon., Feb. 7, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Benlawers	Mon., Feb. 7, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., *Central and *South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only) due Vancouver B.C., 26th Feb.	Emp. of Japan	Mon., Feb. 7. Parcels, Feb. 7, 4 p.m. Reg., Feb. 7, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 7, 5.30 p.m.
Japan, *Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, *Canada and *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 1st March	Pres. Taft	Mon., Feb. 7. Parcels Feb. 7, 4 p.m. Reg., Feb. 7, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 7, 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday		
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles 20th February.	**Felix Roussel**	**Tues., Feb. 8. G.P.O. & K.P.O.** Reg., Feb. 8, 9.30 a.m. Ord., Feb. 8, 10 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 7th March	Felix Roussel	Tues., Feb. 8. Reg., Feb. 8, 9.45 a.m. Ord., Feb. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongning	Tues., Feb. 8, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow, *Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tues., Feb. 8, 3 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	Tues., Feb. 8, 2.00 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Taiyuan	Tues., Feb. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	Terukuni Maru	Tues., Feb. 8, 3.30 p.m
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam 20th February.	**Antenor**	**Tues., Feb. 8. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Feb. 8, 4 p.m. Ord., Feb. 8, 4.30 p.m.**
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 10th March—and London Parcels—due London 16th March.	Antenor	Tues., Feb. 8. Parcels Feb. 8, 2 p.m. Reg., Feb. 8, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Feb. 8, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 16th Feb.	**Pan-American Airways Plane**	**Tues., Feb. 8. K. P. O. Reg., Feb. 8, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 8, 5 p.m. G. P. O. Reg., Feb. 8, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 9, 6 a.m.**
Wednesday		
Swatow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Wed., Feb. 9, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Yunnan	Wed., Feb. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Wed., Feb. 9. Parcels, Feb. 9, 11.30 a.m. Ord., Feb. 9, 12.30 p.m.
Japan	Kumsang	Wed., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Sandakan	Tai Suen Hong	Thurs., Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kiungchow	Thurs., Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Thurs., Feb. 10, 2 p.m.

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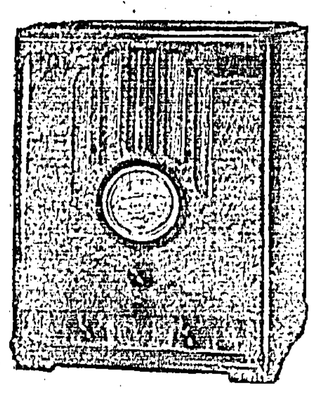

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TO-DAY AT THE KING'S

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 9.)

....Frederick Thurston (Clarinet) and Myers Foggin (Piano); Vier Ernste Gesange, Op. 121: No. 4. Wenn Ich mit Menschen Standchen, Op. 106, No. 1; Vergebliches Standchen, Op. 84, No. 4....Alexander Kipnis (Bass) and Gerald Moore (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 1 In G Minor; Hungarian Dance No. 17 In F Sharp Minor....Menuhin (Violin) accom. by Marcel Gazelle; Cradle Song....The Angelus Octet.

1.0 Time and Weather.

1.03 Derek Oldham (Tenor) and New Mayfair Orchestra.

Milestones Of Melody....Orchestra; Nocturne (Curran); A Little Love, A Little Kiss' (Silesu).... Derek Oldham; 'Charlot's Masquerade'—Selection; 'The Love Race' (Clarke)—Selection; Tunes Of Not-So-Long-Ago....Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Liszt—Concerto No. 1 In E Flat Major.

Played by Mischa Levitzki (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchest. conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

2.05 Delius—'Paris'—Ein Nachtstuck.

Played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

2.30 Close-down.
6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.
7.0 An hour of Bach.

Italian Concerto....Wanda Landowska (Harpsichord); Preludes Nos. 1 and 2 In C Major; Prelude No. 3 In C Minor; Fugue In C Minor For Two Voices (from the Little Preludes and Fugues)....Wanda Landowska (Harpsichord); Air from Suite No. 3....Edwin Fischer and His Chamber Orchestra; Ave Maria ....Gota Ljungberg (Soprano). Violin Obbligato by Isolde Menges.

Choral Prelude—Christ lay in the Bonds of Death Fugus In G Minor (The 'Little' G minor Fugue).... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Cantata No. 65:—Take Me to Thee; Cantata No. 85:—See, What His Love ....Georges Thill (Tenor); Suite No. 2 In B Minor: a. Overture, b. Rondeau, c. Sarabande, d. Bourree, e. Polonnise and Double, f. Minuet, g. Badinerie....Chicago Symphony Orchestra cond. by Frederick Stock.

8.0 Time and Weather.

8.03 Studio—Trio: Prue Lewis (Violin), E. Pellegatti ('Cello) and Lindsay A. Lafford. (Piano).

Mozart Trio No. 4 in C Major.

8.33 Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Der Hirt Auf Dem Felsen, Op. 129 (Chezy-Schubert).

8.42 Orchestral.

German Dances Nos. 1 and 2 (Mozart); German Dance No. 3 (The Sleigh Ride) (Mozart)....Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter. Peer Gynt—Suite No. 1 Op. 46 (Grieg); a. Morning, b Death of Ase, c. Anitra's Dance, 4. In the Hall of the Mountain King.... London—Philharmonic—Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

9.0 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

9.10 Relay of the Regimental Band of the 1st. Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders.

By kind permission of Lt-Col. R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C. and Officers; Conductor: Mr. E. G. Baker, A.R.C.M.; 1. Quick March—The Vanished Army (Alford); 2. Overture —Rosamunde (Schubert); 3. Two Cornet Solos: (a) Mother Machree (Olcott), (b) Smiling Through (Penn); Interlude: Two Songs by John McCormack (Tenor); The Kerry Dance (Molloy); Green Isle Of Erin (Bingham-Roeckel); 4. Excerpts from the Opera 'Cavalleria Rusticana' (Mascagni); 5. Selection of Irish Airs—(The Shamrock) (Myddleton); Regimental Marches: Garb of Auld Gaul, Blue Bonnets Over The Border, Rule Britannia, Scotland For Ever.

10.0 Tchaikovsky—Symphony No. 6 In B Minor, Op. 74 (The 'Pathetique' Symphony).

Played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

10.40 Close-down.

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Fox Trot, "Shall we Dance."
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Fox Trot, "Love is on the air Tonight."
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Waltz, "Moonlit Waltz."
Fox Trot, "Ole King Cole."
Fox Trot, "You're my Dish."
Waltz, "Champagne Waltz."
Waltz, "I Hum a Waltz."

Fox Trot, "You can't have Everything."

Waltz, "Speak to me of Love."
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Plot Fails In Canton

Subversive Elements Kept In Check

Canton, Feb. 4.

Interviewed this afternoon, an official spokesman categorically denied various rumours current here during the last two days concerning the situation in Canton. He stated that these rumours had been afloat to the effect that the enemy utilised bandits and traitors to create trouble here or to the effect that enemy forces had landed at Pao On and Bocca Tigris forts to launch an attack on Canton, but the rumours were now proved to be unfounded.

"The enemy," he continued, "may have endeavoured to instigate bandits and traitors to create trouble, but we are confident that their intrigues will never succeed as the people of Kwangtung have always been patriotic and would never allow themselves to be utilised by the enemy. The happenings of the last two days bear testimony to this and there need be no anxiety over these absurd rumours.

"As to the situation at Pao On and Bocca Tigris, the defences there are very strong and there is no fear of any attempt on the part of the enemy to effect a landing.

"We state that the 35,000,000 people of Kwangtung, influenced, by the teaching of our late leader, Sun Yat-sen, and the traditional spirit of the revolution, would give wholehearted support to the Generalissimo's policy of prolonged resistance as long as Japan still adheres to her policy of aggression and as long as our territory, at present occupied by the Japanese, has not been recovered.

"We are not afraid of any threat and are prepared to make the supreme sacrifice to defend our national sovereignty and integrity. At present peace and order prevail in Canton as usual, which alone should dispel the rumour of trouble, which might have spread here."—*Reuter.*

Hankow Denial

Hankow, Feb. 4.

Rumours of trouble in Canton are absolutely unfounded, according to official quarters here. A high official here telephoned this afternoon to Gen. Wu Teh-chen, who reported that the nervousness in Canton was due to a Japanese threat to bomb the entire city of Canton to-day. Precautionary measures were therefore taken by the Chinese authorities.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Plot

Canton, Feb. 4.

Creation of a pro-Japanese regime in Canton was the main object of the panic and anxieties to-day, but this conspiracy was known several days ago by the military authorities who have taken precautionary measures.

With ample warning, the troops and gendarmes should be able to suppress the coup d'etat of several hundred traitors led allegedly by two prominent Chinese, who are reported to have arrived at a nearby port from Shanghai recently. One is already a member of the puppet Provisional Government in Peiping, while the other was a former member of the local South-West Political Council.

The plot was to stage an uprising on February 3 by the traitors in conjunction with landing of 4,000 bluejackets on the Pearl River somewhere near the Bocca Tigris together with an air raid on the city. After the traitors and malcontents occupied a government building, they were to cover the top with a piece of white cloth to notify the Japanese airmen not to bomb that building.

Japanese warships were to make a pretense of landing at Kongmoon and Bias Bay to divert the attention of the military authorities, while the true intention was to make a naval landing near Canton. This was a side-show, as the chief strength lay in the success of the reactionaries and puppets to overthrow the administration here.

Four thousand bluejackets are not sufficient for a military invasion of Kwangtung, but this unit was to harass the military from without, so that the traitors could spring the coup here. As the plot was known as early as February 1, confidential information was circulated to bureau and department executives here instructing them to take necessary precautions.

The fact that political intrigue is resorted to in ousting the Central Authorities in Kwangtung shows that the weakness of Japanese forces in making an outright invasion of this province, in the opinion of competent observers. The extensive casualties and damage as a result of daily air raids are sufficient to block the coup of the pro-Japanese hirelings. —*Special.*

Arsenal Found

Canton, Feb. 4.

Police to-day carried out raids throughout the city and over 700 people have been arrested on suspicion of being pro-Japanese conspirators. Those arrested also include four Japanese.

Over 100 of those arrested were seized at the headquarters of the clique, a pawn shop in the centre of the city, which was raided and found to contain a miniature arsenal of hand grenades and ammunition in addition to a wireless transmitting set.

General rumour declares that the plotters intended to seize control of the city at 6 a.m., coinciding with the first attack on Bocca Tigris, and were to signal Japanese planes the success of their plans from the roof of the headquarters. It was over this particular spot that Japanese planes circled without attempting to drop bombs for almost an hour this morning.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Bullet in German's Home

Canton, Feb. 4.

The home of Mr. H. K. Baiste, a German living in Tungshan, was punctured by rifle fire last night when over-vigilant guards were seeking a mysterious suspect. The German Consul-General said that the incident was closed.—*United Press.*

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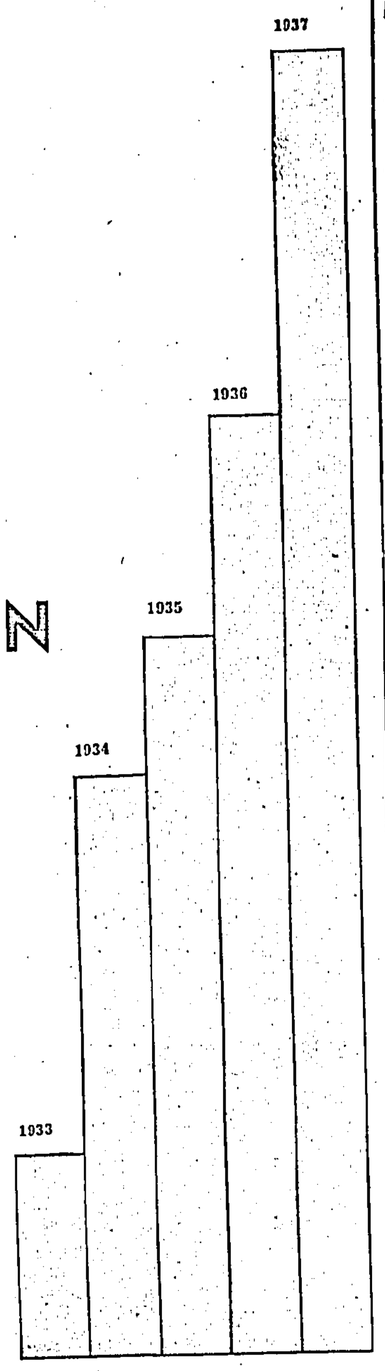

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THE engagement of Princess Kyra of Russia—"the princess of five romances"—to Prince Louis Ferdinand, ex-Kaiser Wilhelm's grandson and hope of the Hohenzollerns, was announced recently. It was followed by the merriest dinner party at which the ex-Kaiser has presided since he lost his throne nineteen years ago.

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A few hours before, the ex-Kaiser, as head of the family, had given his consent to the engagement.

Then ex-Crown Prince Wilhelm (Little Willie) warmly congratulated his thirty-year-old son.

Prince Louis—presumptive heir to the German throne since his father renounced his rights and his elder brother contracted a morganatic marriage—sat near his tall, blonde, blue-eyed bride-to-be.

For many years her name has figured in stories of royal romances.

In 1930 she was reported to be engaged to King Boris of Bulgaria.

HIS TWO 'ROMANCES'

In 1930 she was reported engaged, first to King Boris's brother, Prince Cyril, then to Prince Nicholas of Rumania.

Next year it was the Prince of Asturias.

Only six weeks ago friends of King George of Greece were hoping that he would choose her as his queen.

Prince Louis Ferdinand, who has worked in Ford's Detroit motor works as a mechanic, has twice before been reported engaged. First in 1927 to the Infanta Beatrice of Spain, then in 1929 to film star Lili Damita. This second "romance" was denied by his family.

LOOKS LIKE POET

He is King Edward VII.'s godson, looks more like a poet than a prince, is an admirer of Hitler, whom he calls "Your excellency."

He has made it clear that he takes no practical interest in a restoration of the German monarch. But Hitler still calls him "Your royal highness."

Prince Louis will soon have as father-in-law the Grand Duke Cyril, Pretender to the Throne of All the Russias.—*International News.*

Dead Baby's Eye To Save Sight

Detroit, Jan. 1.

The city of Detroit plans to gamble $1,200 on the chance that Policeman John V. Hogan could regain his sight through the surgical transplantation of a cornea removed from the eye of a stillborn infant.

Hogan will be sent to the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City early in February for an operation by Dr. Ramon Castroveijo. He will have to wait until a still born infant just freed from its mother, is available to the surgeon.

The policeman was blinded when a tear gas gun exploded accidentally while he was on strike duty last March. Mayor Frank Couzens and Police Commissioner Heinrich A. Pickert induced the City Council to appropriate $1,200 to pay the expenses of his operation. Dr. Castroveijo is reported to have performed 130 such operations successfully.

COUPLE WED 70 YEARS

Mansfield, O.

John D. Lewis, 91, and his wife, Harriet, 87, who have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, are in excellent health and have not been attended by a doctor for more than 40 years. The couple reared nine children of their own and two foster children.

WIFE LISTENED IN

Husband Sues 'Phone Company For £600

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Alleging that a telephone operator rang up his wife and permitted her to listen in to a telephone conversation between himself and another woman, Mr. Otis Whigam is suing the telephone company at Eastman, Georgia, for 2,999 dollars damages (approximately £600.)

The suit alleges (says *Reuter*) that Mr. Whigam was rung up by a woman in Atlanta, Georgia, and that an operator in the Eastman Telephone Exchange then rang up Mrs. Whigam and invited her to listen in. The claim adds that Mrs. Whigam accepted the offer.

As a result, Mr. Whigam states, he has suffered severe nervous shock, debilitating his physical stamina, causing loss of weight, extreme anxiety, intense mortification, a disrupted domestic and marital status, mental and physical pain and suffering—the tranquillity and stability of his marital union has been shattered, and he has suffered, and will continue to suffer, all due to the wilful, wanton, and malicious acts of the defendant company and its employees.

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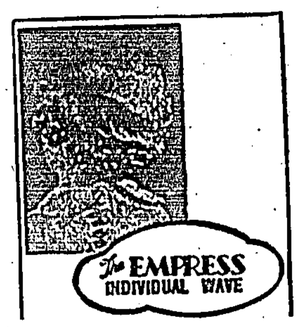

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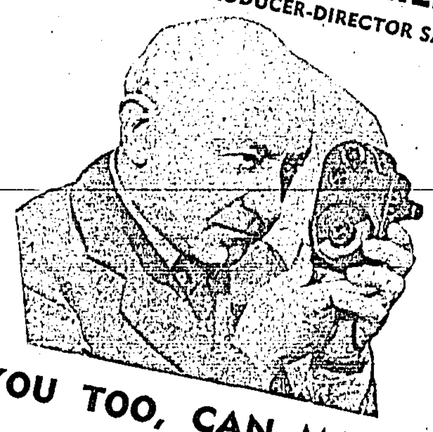

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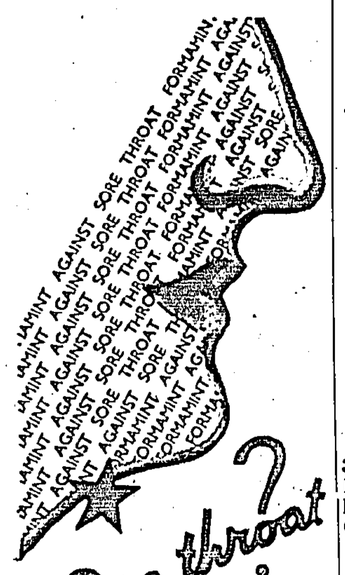

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Cambridge Double Blue Acquitted

By ARTHUR TIETJEN

FORMERLY a 'double Blue" at Cambridge University, Philip Alan Wright, and now 34-years-old boot manufacturer, of Kettering, Northamptonshire, recently walked out of the Old Bailey dock to freedom.

After a trial of three days he had been acquitted of the manslaughter of 25-years-old Robina Hamilton Cairns, a hotel receptionist.

Stuart Claude Watkins, aged 32, a cheesemaker, of North Mimms, Hertfordshire, similarly charged, was also found Not Guilty and was discharged.

As the foreman of the jury announced the verdicts Wright swayed momentarily, closed his eyes, and breathed a sigh of relief. He stood listening attentively while Mr. Justice du Parcq directed the jury to return verdicts of Not Guilty on charges of being accessories before the fact to the murder of the girl. The prosecution had offered no evidence on this charge.

'PHONED WIFE

Wright's first action after leaving the dock was to telephone his wife.

The prosecution's case was that when Miss Cairns was expecting to become a mother Wright took her to Watkins and that she died following an illegal operation.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury was called by the defence. He stated that the absence of any physical mark of an instrument made it impossible for medical science to say with any certainty that interference had taken place. A natural miscarriage might have occurred.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., addressing the jury for Wright, said: "That he was responsible for this girl's condition there is no doubt and he will pay for that all his life in other than the coin we know.

"The fact that he stood by this girl as any honourable man should does not expiate the fault and undo the wrong, but it does not make him a criminal."

Mr. Justice du Parcq told the jury: "I am very glad it is a matter you should have to decide and not I. I sit alone and there are twelve of you, and I am glad there are women among your number who will be able to assist in some of the aspects of this case more than men."

Grave-Digging Helps Youth Through College

Winnipeg.

Jerry Gobeille is grave-digging his way through college.

Gobeille, a student at the University of Ottawa, spends the summer months doing spadework in the cemetery and digs six graves a week when business is brisk.

Student Gobeille is now rated a "six man" by the graves diggers' union.

Jerry formerly turned his hand to bell-hopping and office boy work, but finds that grave-digging "at $5 a day is not to be sneezed at."—*United Press.*

EMPIRE NEWS

DEVELOPMENT OF NEPAL

Calcutta.

The industrial development of Nepal has been advanced a step farther by the inauguration to-day by the King of an electric installation at Bhatgaon, which has a population of 100,000.

The King has also opened at Katmandu the first bank to be established in the country.

Jute Mills Idle.—Attempts to prevent the erection of high-speed spinning frames owing to fears of unemployment have led to a strike of 3,500 employees at the Naihati jute mills, Calcutta.

Ceylon Inquiry.—Sir Andrew Caldecott, Governor of Ceylon, has appointed a commission of three to inquire into the origins of the issue and subsequent annulment of the deportation order made last spring against Mr. Mark Bracegirdle, 24, an Englishman, who was alleged to have taken part in political activities to which the authorities took objection.

Australia

AIR MAIL BASES

Sydney.

Mr. Lyons; the Federal Premier, complains that the British Government only cabled its views on the proposed Australian air mail bases on Nov. 15.

The construction of the northern bases at Groote Eylandt, the largest island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, and Karumba, on the mainland, could not be begun till after the rains in March. If Britain had approved the Survey Committee's report on bases last July they could have been ready to operate in January.

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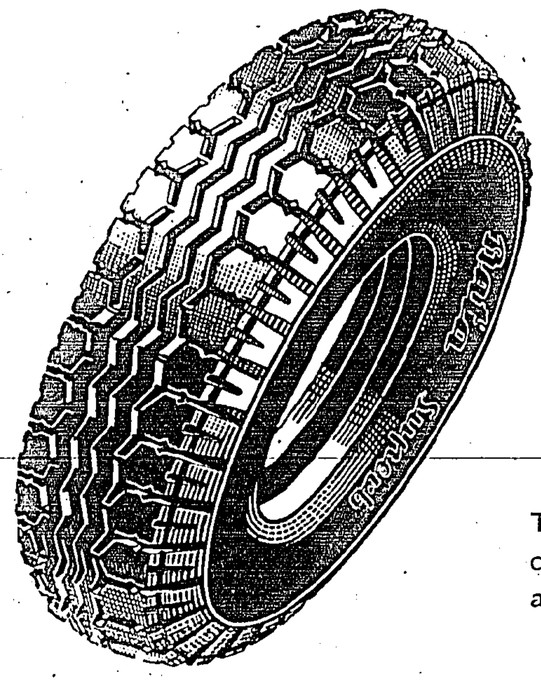

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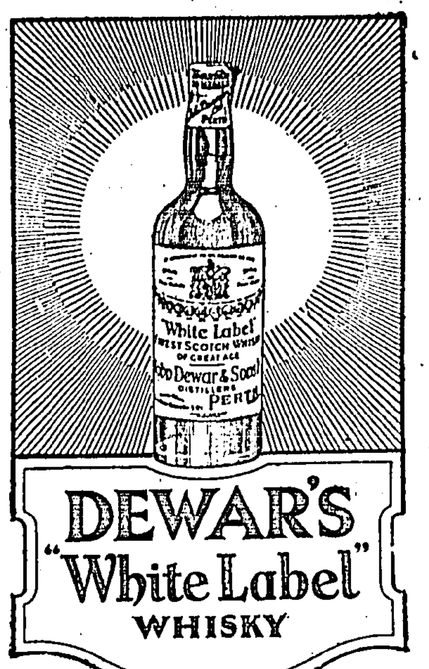

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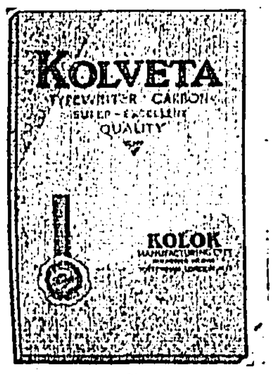

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Mrs. Angelina Castro tenders sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their attendance at the funeral of the late Mr. Joe F. Henrickson Castro, also for floral tributes sent and messages of condolence received in her recent sad bereavement.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

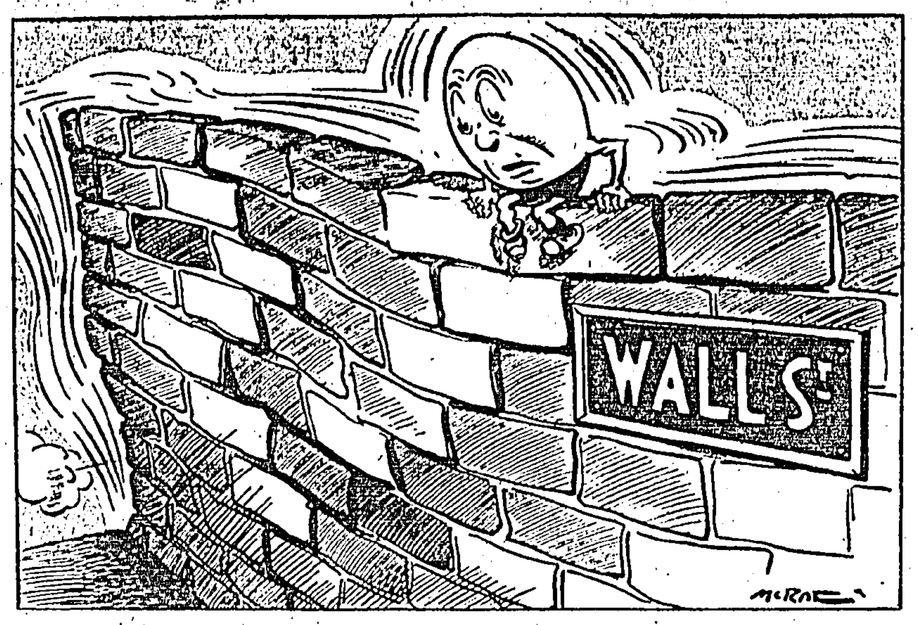
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1938.

UNSATISFACTORY HOSPITALITY

There has been much talk and pother about the invitation extended to three American cruisers to visit Singapore for the occasion of the formal opening of the big British naval base. But there is still something to be said. For some reason which has not yet come to light the impression was created in London, and quite possibly in the United States—for bad news has a way of travelling fast where it is most unwelcome—that the local authorities at Singapore were not particularly pleased that the invitation had been sent. How or why was not explained. The fact is that it was no more than a courtesy. The American Government was friendly enough to send these three cruisers on a goodwill voyage to Australia for the Sydney sequi-centenary celebrations and it is only natural that they should have called at Singapore. It so happened that the opening of the big docks there was fixed for February 14, the time the American warships would be passing on their homeward cruise. What more natural than that, in politeness, they should be made to feel they were not encroaching on the naval base's hospitality and embarrassing the authorities by their presence there? And now, all this talk, without the least foundation, has created the impression that the Americans are not entirely welcome. It is a pity; for no amount of denials or corrections will eradicate entirely the suspicion that someone, at least, may have misgivings about the diplomacy or expediency of this invitation.

It is time for the sinking of old animosities and suspicions—and there is no intention to suggest that animosity or suspicion exists among British people where the United States is concerned. Quite the contrary. Rivalry, perhaps. But that is healthful. It is so futile to pretend that there are secrets at Singapore which any visiting ship might discover to the detriment of the defences; and it is so senseless to nourish the suspicion that every foreign man-of-war is prying into these secrets; and quite possibly might breed ill-will. There is nothing more distressing, aggravating indeed, than misplaced suspicion or an accusation undeserved. Not that British naval people indulge in it. But there are imaginative folk in every fortified area who see spies behind every beard and plots behind each whispered conversation. Presumably they are to blame for all this nonsense out of Singapore.

Now that the French have been invited to the Singapore ceremony it is safe to wager that the circumstance will give rise to the suspicion, if not the charge that the three great democracies are giving a demonstration of their solidarity, friendship and co-operation. As a matter of fact it is high time they did.



HUMPTY – DUMPTY

The Carp In Chinese Folklore

Fish that Receives Veneration in the East

ONE of those curious features of human psychology is the inexplicable way in which certain natural objects are regarded with superstitious awe by many people.

It is, of course, perfectly obvious why thunder and lightning are the terror of the savage mind, but why should other objects, such as beasts and birds, be included?

Scientists may argue that these phobias are nothing more nor less than the survival of some atavistic urge in man's sub-consciousness.

Whatever may be the underlying reason, the peculiar regard, or rather awesome veneration with which members of the lowlier creation are held is in itself a matter of remark.

The phenomenon is not limited to one certain division of the human race but is universal, and most people can cite examples of creatures which have a place in folklore.

Thus, for example, we can readily mention the wolf, the fox, the lemming, and the raven, amongst others; in China creatures to whom there is an attribution of supernatural qualities are even more varied.

AS is well known, the mythical dragon occupies first place in popular regard in China, so much so (says an authority) "that it is advisable for one to secure an accurate knowledge of the Chinese idea of the venerated saurian if he desires to gain a truly sympathetic understanding of this remarkable people."

In addition to the genus *draco*, Chinese folklore places considerable emphasis upon the tiger, the cobra and the monkey—all of which are esteemed for peculiar virtues.

There is also a sort of superstitious veneration attached to certain species of fish, as for instance the common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*, L.), which the Cantonese term *lei-yue*.

It is not difficult to comprehend the reasons why this denizen of the waters is no highly esteemed, as it is a fish possessing exceptional tenacity of life and is likewise presumed to be capable of living to a great age, several apparently well authenticated instances being reported of it arriving at an age considerably in excess of the greatest age attained by man.

Specimens are sometimes of large size—one to three feet in length, and weighing as much as twenty catties, although those generally met with in the native markets scarcely if ever exceed four or five catties in weight.

According to the popular Chinese notion, the carp is regarded as the symbol of endurance and fortitude. It is stated that this fish, like the Canadian salmon, is wont to return in the fresh water stream where it was born, even at the risk of incurring death in its attempts to leap over the rocks on its valiant journey to the spawning ground. It is affirmed, too, that this hardy denizen of the waters will even endeavour to vault over a waterfall in its efforts to reach its destination.

Such fortitude on the part of such a humble creature has called forth the admiration of the old Chinese scholars, who were wont to say: "*Lei-yue t'iu lung-moon*" — "The carp has leaped into the dragon's gate," meaning that one has achieved literary advancement; for according to the Oriental way of thinking the acquisition of scholarly honours is as difficult as that of a carp attempting to surmount the obstacle of the waterfall.

THE Chinese word for carp—*lei*—is in itself of felicitous origin, as the syllable may also signify "profit." The significance of such a happy augury is at once apparent to those who are acquainted with the Chinese people; perhaps no other race is more absorbed in the problem of *faat-ts'oi*, or the "acquisition of wealth." On account of this fortuitous circumstance, the carp is regarded as the proper symbol of wealth, and is much in evidence during the New Year season when the popular expression of good will is *Kung-hei faat-ts'oi*,—"Respectful felicitations for your getting rich (during the New Year)!"

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ONE of the singular customs associated with this season is the purchasing of a carp for use in the various ceremonies welcoming the New Year. Some people in Hongkong make it a point, of buying carp minnows (two or three inches in length) which they keep in their homes for a month or so, and then liberate in the harbour on the second day of the first moon. There is, likewise, a peculiar observance at this time of carrying through the streets a flat earthenware dish containing a live carp.

This practice, whilst not now common in the Colony, is often seen in country districts, especially in Shun-tak.

It is said to be of particularly felicitous origin, for the person who carries the bowl with its auspicious omen stops before each door, and chants the following rhymed ditty in the hope that the listeners will be generous in the bestowal of *lei-shi* or "gratuity money" for the occasion:

"Shaang-lei, shaang-lei • •
Nin-t'au chaan to nin-mei
Lei-yue ngap-ngap-hau
Kam-ngan to nei shau
Lei-yue-t'au, lei-yue-t'au
Ts'z-kwoo chue laap-ngaau
Lei-yue-so, lei-yue-so
Pank-foo ts'oh-lok koi shau-tso
Lei-yue-soi, lei-yue-soi
Yat-nin-chaan kei tui
Lei-yue-wok, lei-yue-wok
Ts'in-ngan t'ik moon kok
Lei-yue-ch'un, lei-yue-ch'un
Shi-t'aap pin fa-tsun
Lei-yue-ch'eung, lei-yue-ch'eung
Kuk-mat ting to leung
Lei-yue-lun, lei-yue-lun
Foo-kwai yau hing-lung
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Nei ti tsat-nui hoi-hok
M-shai pei sin-shaang pok
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Lei-yue-t'o, lei-yue-t'o
T'ang nei yat-nin ts'o kei koh taai-san-p'o
Lei-yue-ko, lei-yue-ko
Kam-nin ho-tak-toh
Lei-yue-keng, lei-yue-keng
T'ang nei ch'oh-ch'oh shuk-tak kai-ch'un kom taai koh kaan
T'it-ch'ui tak-m-pin
Lei-yue yuk, lei-yue yuk
Chiu yue kim maan yuk"

The words of this song of felicitation run in English somewhat as follows:

"Live carp, live carp • •
May you make money from the beginning to the end of this year
As the carp opens and closes its mouth
So may money come to your hand
Carp's head, carp's head
May you have ts'z-kwoo† cooked with jerked pork to eat
Carp's beard (cirrus), carp's beard
May your elders be able to sit at ease and take in their rents
Carp's cheeks, carp's cheeks
May you be able to make several piles of money (during the New Year)
Carp's milt, carp's milt
May you make so much money that it will reach to the cock-loft of your house
Carp's roe, carp's roe
May you be so prosperous that the commode will be transformed into a flower-vase
Carp's entrails, carp's entrails
May the rice in your home be so great that it will reach to the rafters
Carp's scales, carp's scales
May you be rich, noble and prosperous
Carp's air bladder, carp's air bladder
May your children when they begin school be so clever that they will not have to endure the discomfort of having their heads cuffed by their teacher
Carp's liver, carp's liver
May you make so much money that it will fill a ts'aam‡
Carp's teeth, carp's teeth
May your sons and grandsons be rich, noble and prosperous
Carp's bones, carp's bones
May you be the first in earning money
Carp's stomach, carp's stomach
I hope that you will be able to get several big daughters-in-law during the course of this year
Carp's fat, carp's fat
May it, i.e. your wealth be even more abundant
Carp's neck, carp's neck
I hope that you from the very beginning will have your cocoons spun bigger than hen's eggs.
So much so that even a hammer will not dent them
The carp wiggles, the carp wiggles
May you have fish to eat with your morning rice and meat with your evening repast"

•• This is a play upon the words: *shaang-lei*, "live carp;" *shaang-lei*, "may all your efforts during the New Year produce profit!"

† The *ts'z-kwoo* is a kind of Chinese vegetable, very starchy in substance. When cooked with cured pork it forms according to Chinese notions a most tasty dish. The scientific name of this vegetable is *Caladium esculatum*.

‡ This is a kind of receptacle shaped somewhat like a dust-pan and used for the accumulation of rubbish, etc.

—*T. Paul Gregory*

THE "VERY IDEA"

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"OH, a life on the ocean waves," he sang with a Cockney accent.

We have become a tough old sea salt.

Spinnaker is what did it. The stuff Pop-eye feeds on.

It all came about when we went out yachting last Saturday.

Since when we have become nautical all over. "Naughty Cal.," they call us.

Gallant, that's us. We even gave our berth to one of the girls who accompanied us on the trip: Pretty, she was. One of those doll-faced types.

Just as well the newspapers didn't hear about it. We can imagine their screaming headlines —"KELLY GIVES BERTH TO BABY."

An eighteen-footer, our yacht was. Like a centipede. This is known as the cutter typo, but we think there's a ketch in it somewhere. Still, it was a bit of yawl right.

It was fairly rough outside, and the wind whistled through the stays (we're talking about the ship now, not the girls!)

WHY BRING THAT UP?

"Heave too," roared the captain. We heaved, too. Our heart was in our mouth. So was our stomach and other bits and pieces.

We just skimmed along the waves. Estimating our speed would have been a knotty problem. We could see our captain deep in thwart.

The chief mate was splicing his main brace, which had broken at the part that joins the buttons on the back of the pants.

The crew were doing a spot of luffing with the girl passengers on the quarter deck, where no quarter was asked or given.

We could see it was up to us to bring our ship home.

We let go the painter (my, but she was an artiste, though!) and took a clove hitch in the starboard guff sail. Gently pushing in the fore-sail we let out the mizzen and accelerated.

TOO MUCH STARBOARD LIGHT

We had a bit of trouble with the traffic cops on Waglan because they wouldn't change the red light to green. There was a bit of an ebb on at the time, but we pumped up the halyards. We had to take in a couple of reefs on the way from Waglan to Lyemoon, and we'll have something to say to the naval authorities about their charts when we see Lt. Commander Helbert again.

According to the bearings we took, our position by dead reckoning at 11 p.m. was at the third table from the aisle in the Hongkong Hotel.

Eight bells! Were we yachting or were we in the Hongkong hotel? Now we've gone and got ourselves muddled up.

It's this hangover that's done it.

And as they say on the Peak: "The same to you, with snobs on!"

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

We notice that the price of frogs has increased two-fold. By leaps and bounds.

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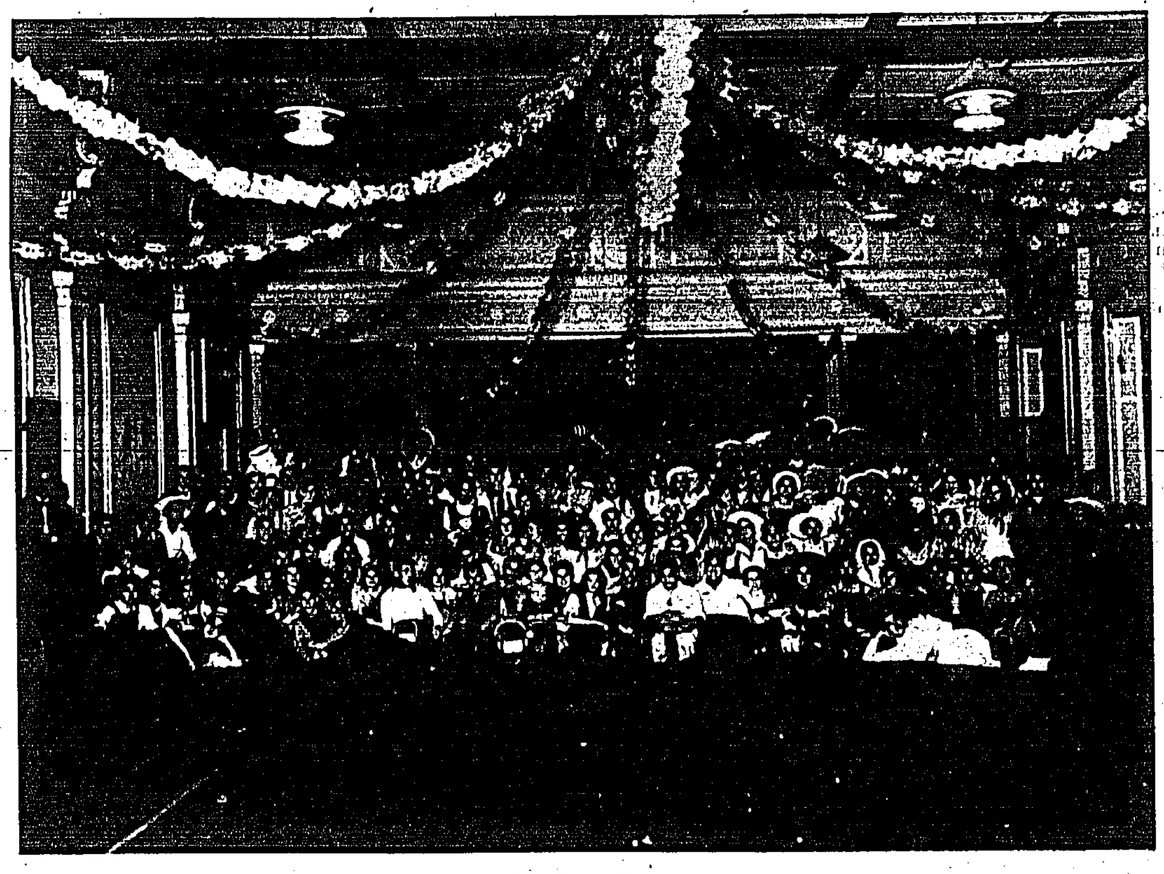

LADIES' NIGHT at the Club de Recreio on Chinese New Year's Eve was an enjoyable occasion, attended by a large crowd of members and their friends. (Photo: Yuen Chun Studio).

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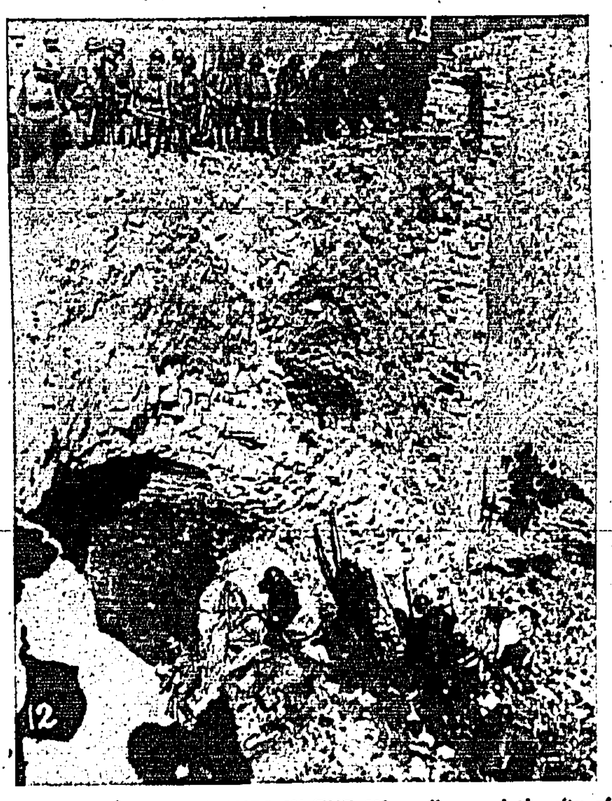

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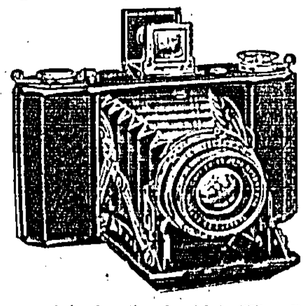

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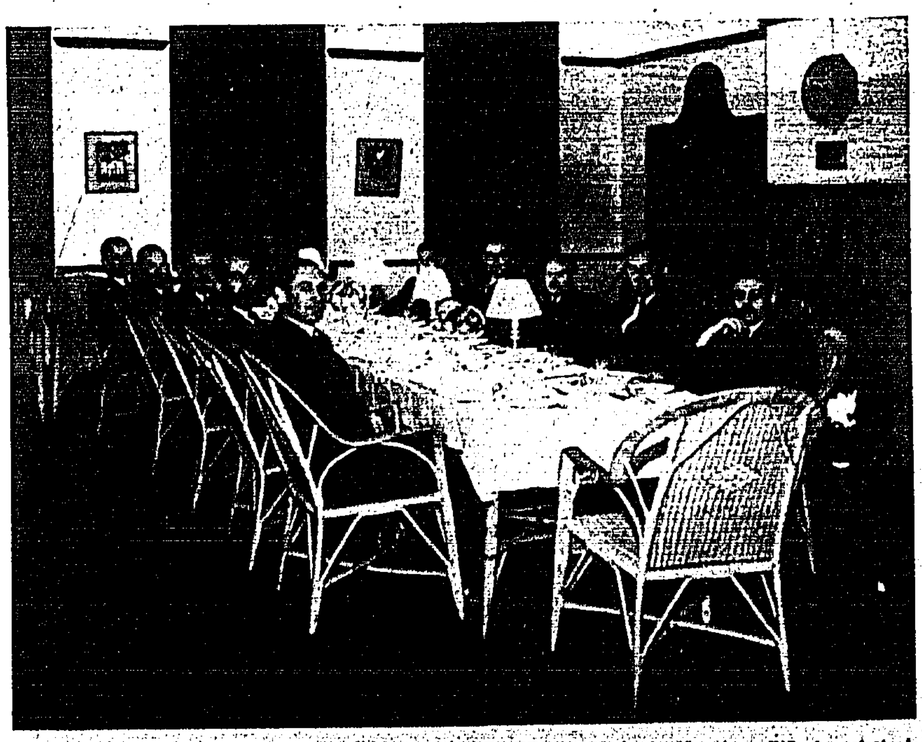

SOME IDEA OF THE COMFORT AND AMENITIES PROVIDED in the Hongkong Rifle Association's Club House may be gained from this photograph taken recently on the occasion of a meeting of the Council. The electric clock over the fireplace was presented by members of the "Bisley" Rifle Club of the 1st. Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles. The mounted beard in the recess was the gift of members of the Taikoo Rifle Club.

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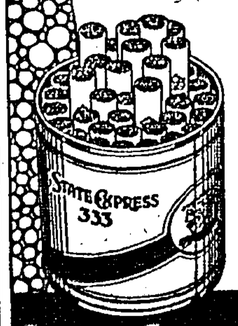

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Two points for every correct answer, and no guessing. Thirty will pass you and 40 or more proves that, in the language of the classics, you know your onions.

1.—We argued it out before whether a whale was an animal or not. We decided it was. Now we'll know more about the whale when we decide that the kind of animal it is, is:—

An amphibian; herbivorous; a mammal; marsupial; a feline; a big sap.

2.—There are 5280 ft. in a mile (that's right, I looked it up), but that's just an ordinary land mile. A nautical mile is different and the number of feet in one is:—

4080; 5080; 6080; 7080; 10,000; who cares.

3.—And a rood (if you'll pardon such a rood question) is a square measure, the number of roods in an acre being:—

2; 4; 6; 8; 10; none.

4.—Some people call the animal I'm thinking about a camelopared. They're right—so it is. But ever since I could talk I've preferred to call it:—

An antelope; a camel; a giraffe; a moose; a strange-looking creature.

5.—Dashed out to my shooting box—of course I've got a shooting box!—and shot a covey of partridges for lunch. Just a covey, mind you. That is, just:—

1000; a whole brood; a brace; a round dozen.

6—If it hadn't been for Captain Cook maybe they wouldn't be celebrating that sesqui-centenary down in Australia now. It was a blow to the Empire when he:—

was accidentally shot; died from natural causes; was murdered; went down with his ship.

7.—One of these days (if I can persuade the examiners to see eye to eye with me) I hope to become an F.R.C.S., which means I'm studying:—

Astronomy; architecture; surgery; accountancy; racehorse form.

8.—Suppose—aw, come on, enter into the spirit of it and suppose—you wanted to paint the house brown and you had every other colour except brown. You could still paint the house brown by mixing together:—

Crimson and vermilion; blue and lake; black and red; black and indigo; the lot.

9.—You know as well as I do what a stalactite is—but a stalagmite, eh! What IS a stalagmite?—

A deposit hanging from the roof of a cave; a deposit on the floor of a cave; a little stalag (there's no such thing as a stalag).

10.—This'll trick you, because although you think China is the most densely populated country in the world, the nation with that dubious honour is:

China (careful now); *Japan; Britain; Belgium; Albania; Russia, Greece.*

11.—Hongkong is not the name of the city you work in; it's the name of the Colony you live in. When they chased the pirates out and put up the first buildings somewhere near where the Hongkong Hotel now stands, they called the city:

Victoria; Queenstown; Palmerston; Heungkong; a lot of nasty names; Pottinger; Stanley.

12.—If the Japanese decimated a Chinese army of 10,000, it would mean the number killed were:—

All; 10; 100; 1000; 9000; probably more.

13.—If someone says you are metaphysical—take it calmly. He may not know what he's talking about, but he means you are:—

Very strong; mentally balanced; supernatural; a physical giant; rather gay.

14.—Even if a what-not is not what it was cracked up to be by the man who sold it to you nevertheless it is, and never can be anything but:—

A lace tablecoth; a piece of furniture; an old-fashioned chair; the opposite to knick-knack.

15.—You'll lose two points—and deserve to—if you can't say in a flash that the longest stretch of straight railway track in the world is in:—

Canada; South America; Australia, England.

16.—Fortunately for Murgatroyd when he fell from the eighth floor he landed on his head and didn't get hurt. Not much, anyway. He just sustained a contusion, which is:—

A fractured skull; a bruise under the skin; a deep cut; a lacerated scalp; a bad fright.

17.—If a perfect stranger came up to you and thrust a leveret into your hands you'd probably accept it (being polite) but you'd be surprised, no doubt, because a leveret is a:—

Young fox; a young hare; a young kangaroo; a small tyre lever.

18.—Ever been caught in a cataclysm? It's a nasty business. It was in 1899—but I'll tell you about that later. In the meantime, a cataclysm is:—

An earthquake; a violent windstorm; a deluge; a volcano; a passage from the Scriptures.

19.—No need to go into details here—an aconite is:—

A hard metal; a soft metal; an alloy; a plant; a man who lives like a hermit.

20.—"I'm so pleased with you, Murgatroyd," said the boss, "that instead of annual holidays, in future you take your holidays bissextile." Murgatroyd knew instantly that in future he would get his holidays:—

Twice a year; once every fifth year; once every second year; every leap year.

21.—If you've been finding the others too easy here's one that will be just too, too easy. If a man's a Bachelor of Science:—

He's a scientist bachelor; he's a bachelor scientist; he's a scientist who studies bachelor's habits; he's passed science examinations; he's not attached to his profession.

22.—It's nice to know—even if it doesn't bring you fame and fortune—that a suffragan is a:—

Suffragette's first born; male suffragette; a churchman; famous baby food.

23.—If you've never played snakes-and-ladders you've missed a mighty fine game. I once—but, anyway, talking about dice the number opposite the five-spot is:—

1; 2; 3; 4; 6.

24.—It was a summer's evening and Horatio Nelson, so the story goes, put the telescope to his blind eye and said he couldn't see the signal to retire. This was in the battle of:—

The Nile; Copenhagen; Trafalgar; Waterloo.

25.—Relations between China and Japan are a trifle strained, it would seem. Official declaration of war between the two is dated:—

November, 1936; January, 1937; June, 1937; last month; not yet.

(Answers on Page 3).

TO-NIGHT AT 11.30

EPISODE 59 FROM INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR'S NOTEBOOK

"JOSHUA, my boy," said the Assistant Commissioner with that boyish enthusiasm that made him so popular at the Yard, "Joshua, my boy, I believe you're on a big thing. The biggest thing of your career."

Playfair did his best to look modest. "I believe I am, sir," he said soberly. "But if I pull it off it'll largely be due to luck. That 'phone message this morning."

Sir Chantrey Pannal handed Playfair a cigar. "Just run through the whole story for me, will you? I want to be quite sure I've got all the facts." He picked up the receiver at his elbow. "That you, Graymarsh? I don't want to be disturbed for twenty minutes."

Air Ministry Secret Papers

Meanwhile, Playfair had taken out his notebook. "The case opened five days ago, Sir Chantrey. A clerk in the Air Ministry, Mr. Clattermore, discovered, on arriving at his office in the morning, that some papers in his desk had been tampered with. Secret papers, and important ones—they had reference to that new monoplane, the DPQ 7. But these papers in themselves were no use—"

"You mean," interrupted Sir Chantrey, "they weren't plans or anything?"

"That's right," said Playfair. "They weren't plans, or specifications, or documents which would enable a foreign Power to steal technical information. But they did throw light on where that technical information could be found."

"And what happened next?"

"Nothing very definite, Sir Chantrey. Inquiries were, of course set on foot—officials were questioned, finger-prints taken, all that sort of thing—but nothing at all conclusive came to light. One offshoot of these inquiries, however, was the compiling of a list of all those, outside the Ministry, who might have known what was in the desk and who might have contrived access to its contents And that list contained one name which interested me very much."

"Yes," said Pannal. "Verraker's."

"That's right," said Playfair. "Mr. Aspinell Verraker, gentleman, of independent means." There was the faintest touch of irony in his words.

Countess Walenweska

Pannal blew cigar-smoke into the air. "And why are you interested in Verraker?"

"Because," said Playfair. "I happen to know—a propos of something quite different—that Mr. Aspinell Verraker, gentleman, is very hard up. Very hard up indeed. I happen to know that a couple of moneylenders have threatened to put him into court. Not much fun for Mr. Verraker, who is hoping—so they tell me—to pull in an heiress—Lord Highborne's daughter—in the course of the next few weeks. He's popular, is Verraker, in society—which has no inkling of his pecuniary difficulties."

"All very interesting," said Pannal. "But I gather there's more against Verraker than that?"

"There is," said Playfair. He glanced again at his notebook. "He's been intimate, these last few weeks, with the Countess Walenweska——"

"The Countess how much?"

"Walenweska."

Sir Chantrey smiled. "Walenweska Perfect, Joshua. The 'agent of a foreign power'—without whom this case would be as mud! I don't mind betting that she's not a real Countess——"

"Well, sir, she's not in the Almanach de Gothe——"

"That she's young, attractive and has a way with her——"

"No doubt at all about that, sir——"

"And that she's lately been liberally supplied with money, the source of which is a mystery."

Playfair laughed. "You know too much about her, sir. But these international spies conform to type, like confidence men or smash-and-grab merchants. At any rate, sir, as soon as I knew about Verraker, I went to the trouble of tapping the Countess's phone line. And I've had her shadowed too, pretty thoroughly; I don't believe she's got away with anything yet."

"Meanwhile," said Sir Chantrey, "what about the planes of that monoplane?"

"They're securely guarded, sir. Or so the Ministry tells me. At any rate, I know enough of Verraker—whom I'm also having shadowed—to be fairly certain he won't try and steal them himself. No, what he'll do is to sell the Countess the information he's got. She can act on it at her own risk. And that, sir, is where this morning's phone message comes in.

"The Countess Walenweska was rung up from a public call office. We don't know who rang her up, though the voice might have been Verraker's. The message was, 'To-night at eleven-thirty. Don't forget; No. 3 from the left.' The Countess repeated, "No. 3 from the left; I'll be there," and rang off.

Pannal laughed jovially. "No. 3 from the left. What's that? A row of houses?"

"Might be anything, sir," said Playfair. "Though I've got an idea—well, it hardly amounts to that. Call it the adumbration of a possibility. There's various things I've got to arrange to do—collect Verraker's finger-prints, for one thing. He's going to the reception at Lady Flatt's."

Pannal listened for a few minutes more. Then, "Good luck, Joshua," he said, and rang for his secretary.

Sleek Mr. Coraggi

The next event of interest was an interview between Playfair and a sleek, olive-skinned individual named Coraggi. The latter—though no one would have guessed it—had been released that morning from Brixton Prison. "Opportune," was Playfair's comment. The gist of what he said to the Italian was: "Coraggi, you've a chance to do something that will put you in better odour with the Yard. I want you to be at Lady Flatt's to-night; I can get you in as a waiter. All you have to do is to bring me, for a few minutes, the contents of a man's breast pocket. I want his cigarette case and any paper, he's carrying."

"Cigarette case? What for do you want that?" asked Coraggi. "What, is he peddling dope?"

"Done? No," said Playfair. "I want his fingerprints, in the first place. They're sure to be on his cigarette-case. There'll be ten pounds for you, Coraggi, if you do your bit to-night; there's—rather a lot at stake. But that doesn't mean, mind you, that you'll get any sympathy next time you're caught picking pockets."

The Italian grinned. "Si, signor. Nevaire again."

Thus it was that there assembled at Lady Flatt's, about ten o'clock that night, four characters in this story. Mr. Aspinell Verraker, seemingly without a care in the world; the Countess Walenweska, wearing her sapphires; Coraggi, disguised as a waiter; Playfair, disguised as a guest. At ten-thirty, in a small room off the entrance hall, Coraggi brought Playfair the contents of Verraker's inside pocket. There were no papers; only a gold cigarette-case.

Ten minutes later the case was restored to its owner. At eleven, Playfair went up to the ball-room where dancing was in progress. Verraker was still dancing with the daughter of Lord Highborne.

Arrest At Eleven-Thirty

At eleven-thirty, Verraker met the Countess Walenweska in the buffet. Playfair was watching closely from an adjacent table. Lord and Lady Highborne joined them: were introduced to the Countess. Drinks were brought, Verraker produced his gold case and handed cigarettes. As Verraker was lighting Lady Highborne's, the Countess rose to go. Yet not a word had been spoken that had the smallest criminal significance.

"Third from the left" murmured Playfair. He made no move for ten minutes; then he rose and followed the Countess. He had a warrant for her arrest in his pocket and next day she appeared at Bow Street on remand.

What was the evidence against her?

(Solution on Page Three.)

WEEK-END PROBLEMS

By Hubert Phillips

PROBLEM I.

AN EXAMINATION PUZZLE

Antony, Bertram, Charles, David and Edward took an examination in Latin, French and History.

In each subject Antony was top, Bertram second, Charles third, David fourth, and Edward fifth.

In each subject 10 was the maximum mark, and one the minimum. And in each the total of the five marks awarded was 30.

Antony's mark in French was the same as Charles's mark in Latin, while his mark in History was the same as Bertram's mark in Latin.

Charles's mark in History was the same as his mark in French, but David did better in French than in History.

What were Edward's marks in each of the three subjects?

PROBLEM II.

A WORD SQUARE

(1) This can only be right if it's wrong.
(2) Oh, mother, a poet!
(3) Dissolute fellow in the garden.
(4) Its fruit might be a boot.

(Solutions on Page Three)

10,000 Tests Show Why—MEN BEAT WOMEN AT THE WHEEL

NEW light on the Man versus Woman car-driver comes from U.S.A. Tests made by the American Automobile Association with 10,000 drivers show that—

Men

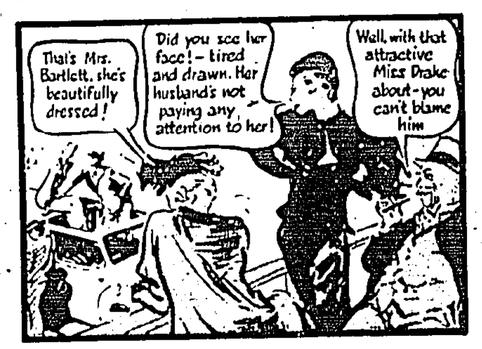
Drive faster than women;
Are more careful in slowing down when road is not clear;
Go faster when the opportunity offers;
Are more likely to cause accidents, but have more skill in avoiding danger.

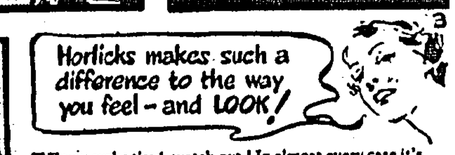
Women

Rarely have the "feel" of a car;
Drive at a set speed, even though on vibration point;
Are disinclined to change gear on hills till car is "labouring";
Get less fun out of driving fast.

The tests showed that the average speed of men drivers was 47.4 m.p.h., women's 44.7 m.p.h.

Because of men's fondness for speed bursts around 90 m.p.h., the experts find they are more prone to accidents caused by mechanical failure, such as "blow-out" [tyre bursts] Three reasons are given to explain why men get out of such trouble with more success than women drivers: Greater strength, quicker reaction, and less mental disturbance caused by sudden noise.





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Girls' *and* Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,

Last week's Observation Test caught many of you guessing. It was really quite a difficult competition and I was glad to see so many of you sending in entries.

Jane Strellet (aged 11 years 3 months), of 12, Peak Mansions, wins the Senior prize; whilst the Junior prize goes to **Constance Robertson** (aged 8 years), of 220, Prince Edward Road.

Will Jane and Constance please call at the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street for their prizes?

I feel very pleased that so many of you did get correct answers, so this week, all correct entries are to receive a Merit Certificate. This is really quite a special treat, isn't it, but I think you all deserve it.

Merit Certificate, therefore, are being sent to the following: Seniors: Muriel Kew, Fern Ellis, Daniel Choy, Vera Baskerville, Amalia Sales, Ho Man-chan, Dora Tiu, Pamela Li, Vivian Pomeroy, C. F. Clark, Yeung Kit-wa, Priscilla Pires and June Nergaard. Juniors: Patricia Coombs, Tania Tchurin, Patsy Osmund, S.A.K. Bux, Peter Coombs, David Asche, Eleanor Sanger and June Martin.

Pamela Li: Please send me your photograph and I will try to get it into next Saturday's paper. I'm so glad you liked your paper-craft.

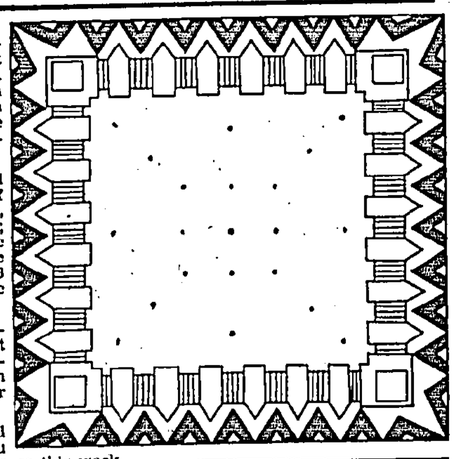
Yseult Cooper: I am publishing your poem, "Day Dreams", which I think is really excellent. Am sending you a Merit Certificate for your efforts.

Theresa Souza: Thanks for your jokes and poems. There are too many of them to publish altogether. However, I am putting in one joke and one poem to-day and am sending you a Merit Certificate.

This week we are having a simple contest. All you have to do is to draw a design by joining up the dots shown in the picture. When your design is finished, colour it—and the border—as gaily as you can with your paints or crayons. Then cut out the picture and paste onto a postcard or piece of cardboard. Fill in the coupon with your name, address and age. Send to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph", Wyndham Street, before 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Lots of luck, kiddies,

Uncle Eddie



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DAY DREAMS

—By Yseult Cooper.

From the window I can see,
Many a house and many a tree,
Children playing hide-and-seek,
And if the weather's fair—the Peak.

On the roof tops amahs run,
Hanging washing in the sun,
In the street the cars whizz by,
And from my lips there falls a sigh—as.

"Girls, who signed the Magna Charter?"
(Marco Polo or King John)
"Yseult Cooper, do you know?"
"Y-yes miss, it was Cicero!"

JOKES AND POEMS

—By Theresa Souza.

"Waiter," shouted the angry diner.
"There's no chicken in this chicken pie. How do you explain that?"
"Well, sir," said the waiter calmly, "you don't get dog in a dog biscuit."

There was a young fellow of Sid,
Who ate eighty tarts for a quid,
When they said, "Are you faint?"
He replied, "No, I ain't,"
"But I don't feel as well as I did".

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BOOKS of LIFE

reviewed by Roger Pippett

SAILOR

Broken Water

By James Hanley

(Chatto and Windus, 10s. 6d.)

SOME seven years ago an ex-seaman called to thank me for what I had said about his first novel. "My name's Hanley." A finely cut face under a tousled head of hair. The collar of a dark blue jersey grazing his chin. I remember thinking that, if there were ever a Born Writer, he looked one.

Since then James Hanley has written many stories about the sea and sailors and men who work with their hands and heads. An uneven author, but everything I have read of his is characteristic — sensitive, struggling, unquestionably personal stuff.

In *Broken Water*, an autobiographical excursion into the days of his youth, he is at his best, never insisting on detail, never underlining a point, intent only on evoking the people, scenes and emotions of his past.

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Always the realist, he remembers the delight he felt when he was slung up to paint a ship's funnel as well as the savage sadness that swept him at the sight of a child staggering along between the shafts of a loaded barrow.

When he was a lad, he was determined to run away to sea, but he let a gull decide for him. "This particular bird perched itself on a piece of rock, flapped its wings, pecked about, then suddenly was still. Suddenly I shut my eyes and said to myself, 'If the bird flies east I'll go to sea . . .' I kept opening and shutting my eyes, hardly daring to breathe in case I should be the innocent cause of its departure. No, it must be a natural take-off. I mustn't frighten it. . . .

"The bird flapped its wings again, soared into the air and flew off to the east. I remember I clapped my hands—and—shouted once, 'I'm going! I'm going to sea!' Then I remembered the party a few yards away from me and was quiet again, but something had happened inside me."

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That is the satisfaction of being James Hanley. Something happens inside him—and he is urged, without haste and without pretentiousness, to sit down and tell the world about it.

The way his father laughed and left questions unanswered, the agony of sea-sickness, the peace of sleep after a long day's toil, the shock of seeing a torpedo streaking towards his ship—all that and much more is quietly communicated in the pages of this individual and memorable book.

SURGEON

Life and Death

By Andrea Majocchi

(Allen and Unwin, 10s. 6d.)

ANOTHER life-story, this time the autobiography of a famous Italian surgeon, a man who is obviously easily excited, a specialist who—after the fashion of specialists—often enjoys the luxury of an Exalted Mood.

He falls, too, into sadly stilted phrases now and then. "It is not all roses in surgery, verily the thorns are sharp and pointed: they soon deflect the most ardent enthusiasm." And, again: "The motor-car is a wonderful invention . . . a great boon to doctors who have to respond with alacrity to emergency calls."

Despite which, this is one of the most candid and distressing records that I have read.

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Through all the idealism and the agitation comes the sound of men and women and children in pain. For Signor Majocchi learned his lessons in the poorest quarters of Milan, performing extremely delicate operations in crowded tenements, standing once inside a wardrobe because there was nowhere else to stand.

Another time, turning back the clothes to examine a patient, he was surprised to see two sparrows fly out, followed by a chaffinch and a blackbird. "The woman's husband sold tame birds, and the garret had become an aviary. And so I operated, watched by the bright eyes of the birds. . . ."

That is one of scores of stories in this compelling and convincing volume. A friend of mine, reading it, said: "I can't see why people want to put all this sort of thing into a book." But I noticed that he stuck it to the end. And that, I fancy, will be your reaction, too. . . .

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In London now you just drop in your sixpence and out comes the book of your choice.

Imperialist

GEORGIAN ADVENTURE

By Douglas Jerrold

(Collins, 15s.)

"OH, that mine enemy would write a book . . ." Well, Mr. Jerrold, a supporter of Sir Oswald Mosley and General Franco, is one of my political enemies. But I am glad that he has written *Georgian Adventure*.

Politically, the author's mind is in heavy blinkers. But he has done many things in many places—from holding a trench at Gallipoli to running a publisher's office in London. And he sets down his adventures, his opinions and his prejudices with such directness and gusto that, while giving us a striking self-portrait, he also writes a history of his generation.

It is, of course, history seen from his point of view—a point of view that I distrusted from the start and finally came to hate. But it is often brilliantly sustained, and I strongly urge you to study it as the apologia of a significant school of Imperialism.

Nearly all of us tend to underestimate the intelligence of our political opponents. Mr. Jerrold certainly misunderstands—and, therefore, underestimates — the Labour Movement. Read this book and you will not make the mistake of misunderstanding *him*.

His pages are salty with comments on the near-great of our time. And they are peppered with good stories.

—ETCETERA—

MASTER KUNG, by Carl Crow (Hamish Hamilton, 12s. 6d.). In which the man who wrote *Four Hundred Million Customers* turns his attention to Confucius—or, rather, to the blameless scholar whom later generations turned into a Great Sage . . .

PLAYS FOR EARTH AND AIR, by Lord Dunsany (Heinemann, 6s.). Ten short dramas, ranging from allegory to satire, from Beethoven addressing the Immortals to a Frenchman who cures toothache—at a price. Lord Dunsany has the touch.

SPORTING ADVENTURE, by J. Wentworth Day (Harrap, 12s. 6d.). Did you know that golden plover can fly at a speed of eighty miles an hour? That salmon will swim twenty-five miles in a day? Huntin' and fishin' from a new angle.

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN PALESTINE? by M. P. Waters (Frederick Muller, 1s.). The case for the Jewish National Home stated succinctly by a young Socialist.

THE LONDON WELSH ANNUAL (6d.). A booklet no Welshman should miss.

NOVEL OF THE WEEK

Turning Wheels

By Stuart Cloete

(Collins, 8s. 6d.)

PACE, movement, love, fighting, character, sweating oxen and grinding wheels—that's my recipe for a Covered Wagon story. And this robust novel has them all.

It is another strong sidelight on the great Boer trek of a hundred years ago, when the Dutch settlers in Cape Colony, furious at the freeing of their slaves by the English Government, packed up their possessions and trailed north to found the Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

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They were farmers, and they carried with them not only the seeds they were going to plant in that new soil, but guns slung from their shoulders. For they had to live on the game they could shoot, and they also had to protect themselves against wild beasts and Kaffirs (whom they were dispossessing) and Zulus, who lived by war.

Mr. Cloete (pronounced Clooty) takes us in one of those convoys, with its bullets, Bibles, bedding and babies, struggling on towards Canaan, only to be wiped out by Zulus and disease. A critical page of colonising history has come splendidly alive in *Turning Wheels*.

GRAMOPHONE New Records

IF you want to persuade a gay-hearted friend that all so-called classical music (the term is ridiculously vague) is not solemn and dull, then send him a four-shilling New Year card, the little H.M.V. record of three German Dances for orchestra by Mozart.

Conversely, if you want to suggest to some academic acquaintance that there may be a piece or two worth hearing among to-day's Dance Band music, let him have "She's My Lovely," which I still think is one of the best there has been for a long time.

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YOUR first friend, be he never so volatile, will hardly have time to be bored by the Mozart Dances, each only a couple of minutes long and beautifully played by the Vienna Philharmonic under Bruno Walter. Besides, the last of the set is the famous "Sleighride," and the most highbrow Swing fan will surely have to listen once to that miraculous trifle.

The choice of a record for your second friend will be more intricate. If he is intellectual as well as intelligent, he'll be hard to please. To give him the new Swing Album will be as cruel and as futile as giving the other person the new record of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony conducted by Toscanini.

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THEN, again, Mr. George Elrick, who alone of his kind these days sings English as though it were a decent language, has, to my sorrow, not produced a record of his own performance of that fetching new lilt, "Mary and Elizabeth," in time for the New Year. Such being the circumstances, and if you don't think "She's My Lovely" quite the thing, look through the previous month's lists and seek out the enticing "I'm in a Dancing Mood." It has been well played on an H.M.V. record by Jack Hylton's band, and as a musical composition it is up to standard (which, of course, is not saying a great deal, the standard being what it is).

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THOSE who know say that, of the two most popular Violin Concertos, Max Bruch's in G minor is one. Columbia have just issued it with Alfredo Campoli playing the solo part in an extremely able manner, while Walter Goehr secures an equable orchestral accompaniment.

S. G.

Bridge Problem No. 45

North
♠ 5 4 3
♥ K 9
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ 6 2

West
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 2
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ 7 3

East
♠ 9
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ J 8 4
♣ Q 10 9

South
♠ A K 7 6 2
♥ —
♦ K 5
♣ A K J 5

Solutions to "Bridge Problem" Hongkong "Telegraph", Wyndham Street, by Wednesday.

Clubs are trumps. South leads and makes ten tricks.

PROBLEM NO. 44

South leads Heart Queen and North discards the Club. South now plays Club Eight (West should cover) and North ruffs with Diamond Queen. North leads the small Diamond and South wins the trick. South plays two rounds of Clubs, discarding Spades from North's hand. East is squeezed on the third Club. If he discards a Heart, South's Heart is good, and if he discards a Spade, North wins the last two tricks with the two Spades. If at trick 2, West does not cover, North discards a Spade, and on the second Club lead North ruffs with the high diamond and returns a low diamond.

Correct solutions from "Emjay" A.E.G., "B'easy", Mrs. A.K., J.K., "BROZS."

Another Minute Mystery

How good a detective are you?

"BUT why did you wait so long before calling the operator?" inquired Fordney.

"Well, professor!" said Edith Gill rather indignantly, "I was taking a hot shower and I was alone in the apartment . . . after all . . . !"

"Alone?" He glanced at the luncheon table.

"As I said, I was alone. I'd been under the shower about five minutes when I heard some one in my dressing-room. I peeped round the curtain and in the bathroom mirror saw a man snatch my rings and necklace from the dressing-table. I waited a few minutes to give him time to get out . . . I was so frightened! Then I dried myself and called the switchboard."

"Rather difficult to hear any one in your dressing-room with the shower running, isn't it?"

"Well . . . yes . . . but he knocked over that small table there."

"Can you describe the thief?"

"I certainly can. He was a small, wiry, evil-looking fellow, about thirty I should say. He wore a blue suit and a light felt hat, and . . . he had a gun in his left hand."

"Just about how long was it from the time you saw him until you called downstairs?" inquired the professor.

"Not more than five minutes," was the reply.

"Then what?"

"The house detective came up and after looking about suggested I call you. I *do* want those jewels back, professor. They're very valuable. Won't you help me? Please!" There was a pleading look in her eyes.

Fordney stepped into the small bathroom and turned the shower faucet. From behind a cloud of steam he said, "Alone, were you, Miss Gill? No matter—suppose you tell *me* where your jewels are! I hope for your sake this faked robbery is nothing more than a publicity stunt!"

WHY DID FORDNEY DISBELIEVE EDITH GILL'S STORY?

Solution is upside down at the foot of Column Two.

FILL UP. ON FROSTY WEATHER

WHEN frost is about it is necessary to take special precautions in the home. Burst water pipes are one of the most troublesome results of a hard frost, and it is well worth while taking precautions to lessen the likelihood of pipes becoming frozen.

It is a good plan to pack the outside pipes with straw, newspaper, or old pieces of felt, and then bandage them with strips of sacking, calico, or hessian.

Water tanks should be treated in the same way. If they are incased in layers of newspaper and an old rug or carpet tied round them, and boards laid over the top, they will not be at all likely to freeze however severe the frost may be.

Pipes that persistently burst are probably worn out. It is an economy to have long, thin, patched pipes replaced, as they have a knack of surrendering to the first sharp frost. A small light left burning all night helps to keep the scullery and bathroom taps from the effect of frost.

When a really cold snap arrives, try to avoid drawing off all the hot water at night. Every now and then turn on the taps for a few seconds, for moving water does not freeze. The taps must not be left running incessantly, as it is an offence to allow this.

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Kitchen and bathroom windows should be shut at night in frosty weather, so that a cold wind will not blow on the pipes. The doors of warmed rooms should be left open to allow the heated air to circulate through the house. If, in spite of all precautions, pipes do freeze, you must put out the stove which heats the hot water supply, or an explosion may occur.

A fall in frosty weather may cause a great deal of trouble, especially if a fracture occurs. To prevent such accidents happening, spread ashes from the kitchen boiler-range on all slippery garden paths. Do not let children make slides on much-used paths.

Clean the steps with water containing a handful of common salt; this will prevent the accumulation of ice. Another idea is to add a cupful of methylated spirit to the water used for washing the steps.

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Remember that crockery is more brittle in frosty weather, and likely to break if hot water is poured over it. Pour in cold water first. Dishes break in the oven more readily in cold weather. To guard against this, stand the dishes in warm water before putting in the ingredients.

Glassware is also very susceptible to changes of temperature. When putting hot fruit in a glass dish or a hot drink in a tumbler, place a metal spoon in the glass. This prevents many a break.

Before washing-up warm your hands by immersing in warm water for a few moments. Cold hands make one clumsy, and it is a psychological fact that more breakages are caused in the home by handling crockery with half-frozen hands than for any other reason.

Finally, it is so annoying to find the butter like a lump of lead. To soften it, rinse out a bowl with boiling water and invert this over the butter-dish. This has the effect of a hot-air chamber, and the butter becomes pliable without being oily.

I. H.

PROBLEM

Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I.

AN EXAMINATION PUZZLE

Edward's marks were:

Latin	1
French	4
History	3

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PROBLEM II.

A WORD SQUARE

T O R T
O M A R
R A K E
T R E E

Minute Mystery Solution

The steam from the hot shower built would have so clouded the mirror that it would have been impossible for Edith to have seen the alleged robber in it.

To-night at Eleven-thirty

SOLUTION

"Third from the left" was the third cigarette from the left. Note that Verraker lit Lady Highborne's cigarette; he did not light the Countess's. In it—as Playfair knew already—was concealed the information which Verraker had illicitly obtained.

ANSWERS

Both Verraker and the Countess were convicted of attempted espionage. The former received 12 months' imprisonment; the latter was deported.

ARE YOU SURE?

1.—A mammal.
2.—6080.
3.—4.
4.—A giraffe.
5.—A whole brood.
6.—Was murdered.
7.—Surgery.
8.—Black and red.
9.—Deposit on the floor of a cave.
10.—Belgium
11.—Queenstown. It was renamed Victoria in 1843.
12.—1000.
13.—Supernatural.
14.—A piece of furniture.
15.—Australia.
16.—A bruse under the skin.
17.—A young hare.
18.—A deluge.
19.—A plant.
20.—Every leap year.
21.—He's passed science examinations.
22.—A churchman.
23.—2.
24.—Copenhagen.
25.—Not yet.

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JAPANESE NEWSPAPERMEN in Shanghai. Casualties amongst Japanese journalists have been particularly high in the Sino-Japanese war.

THE FALL OF NANKING.—Small tanks covering the Japanese attack on the Kwang Hwa Gate, the possession of which led to the fall of the City.

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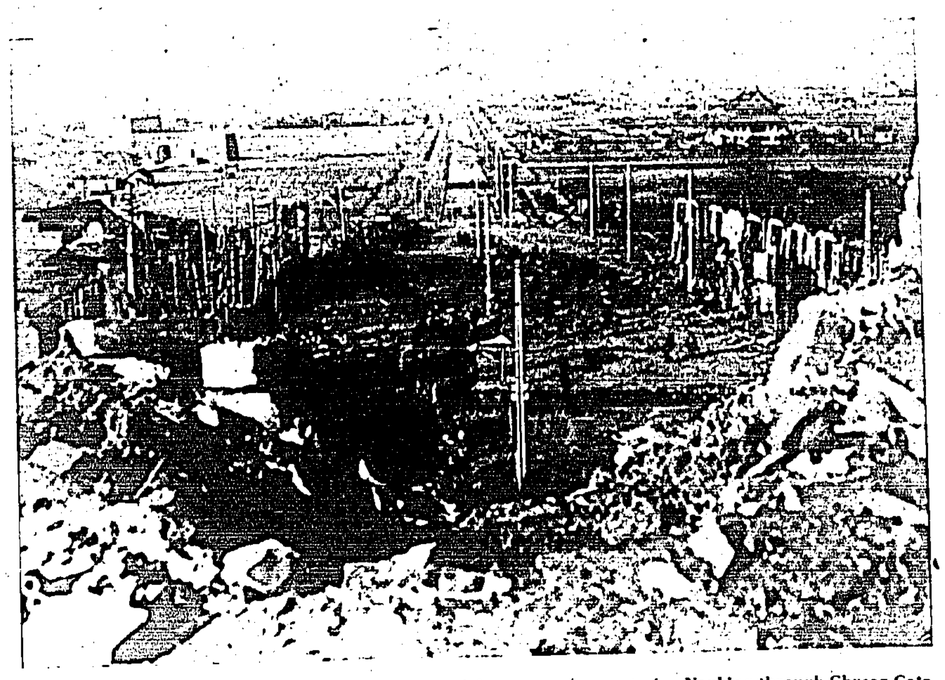

OF HISTORICAL INTEREST is this photograph of Japanese troops entering Nanking through Chusan Gate, which was breached by Japanese artillery fire.

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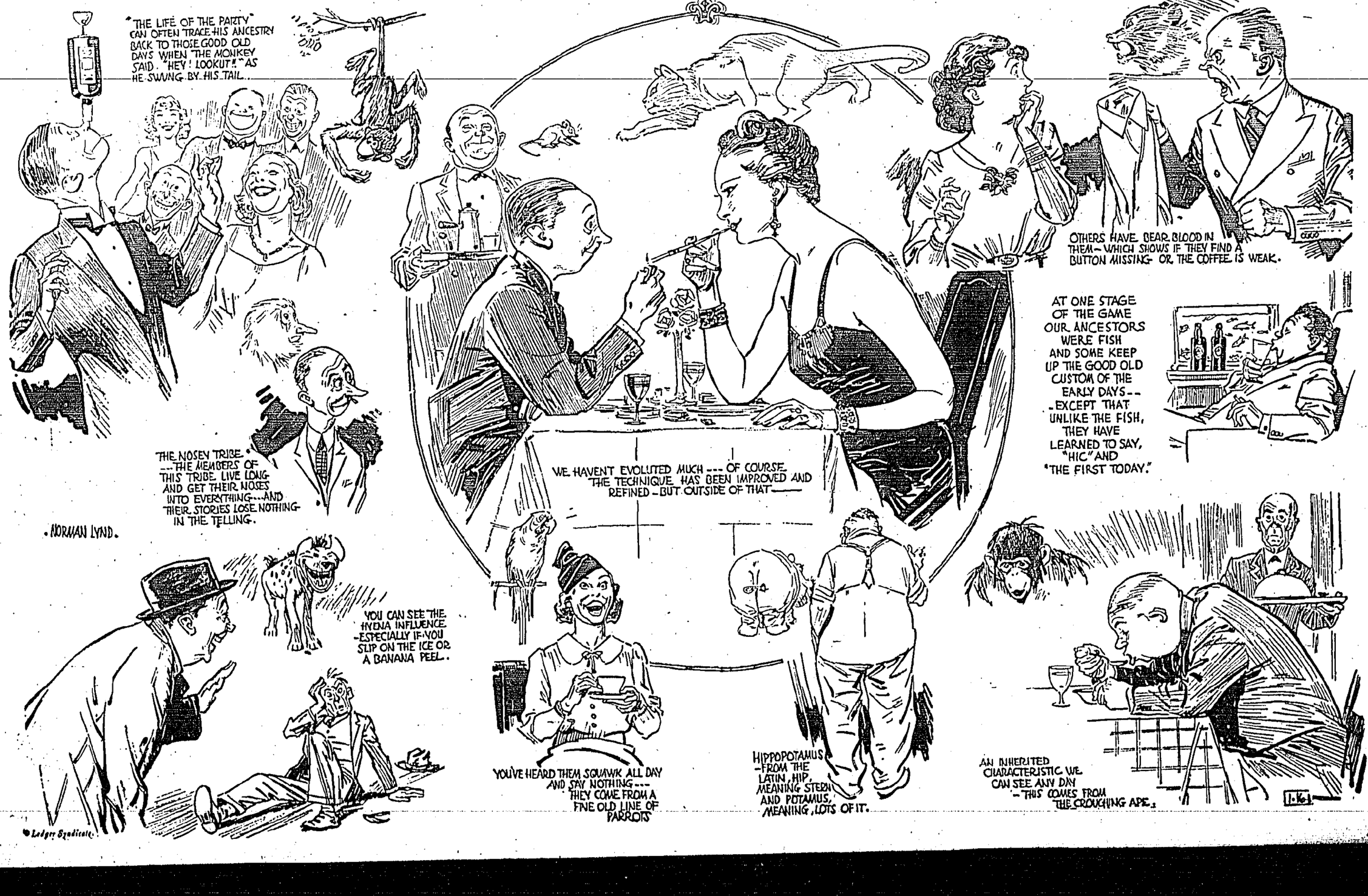


H.K. YOUTH FINDS RARE DOCUMENT

LINK WITH REIGN OF KING CHARLES II DISCOVERED IN LOCAL BOOK-STORE

AN interesting and somewhat historic document, written in 1662, has just been unearthed in a second-hand book-store in Hongkong by Mr. John Guard, son of Mr. H. Guard, of the United Press Association.

The document, written in the fine calligraphy of the days of the Stuarts, was found wrapped around a book published in Latin in 1653 by the Cambridge University.

Written on parchment, the document is in a fine state of preservation.

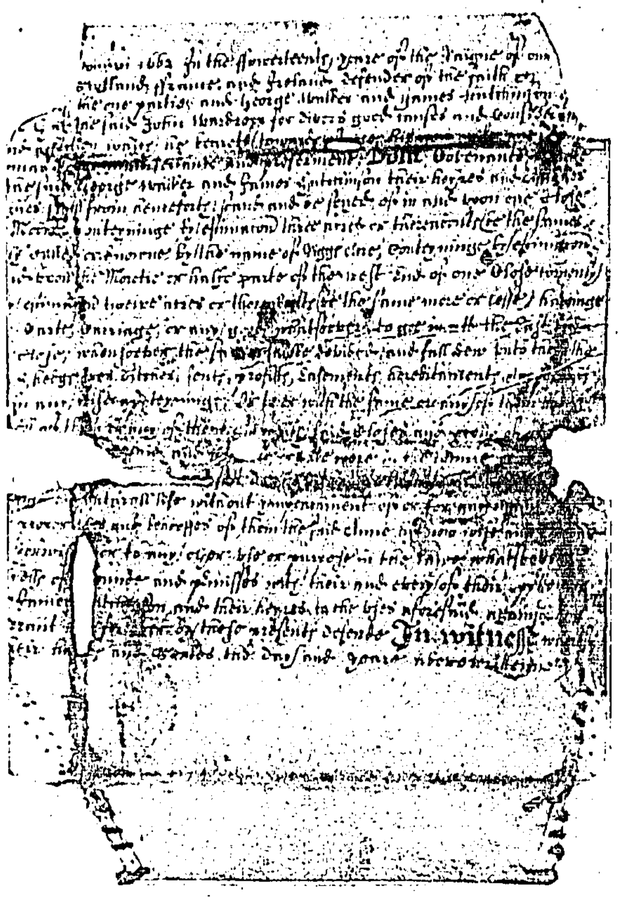
It is apparently a legal transfer of land by one John Wardrow to George Walker and James Hutchinson.

A strip of one side of the document, unfortunately, was cut off to fit the book around which it was bound.

But, with the exception of a few words, Mr. Guard has been able to make a fairly complete translation.

The document, reproduced on this page, reads as follows:

"*. . . . . Anno Domini 1662, in the fourteenth yeare of the reigne of our . . . (Charles II, King of) Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, (between John Wardrow) of the one partie, and George Walker and James Hutchinson . . . . . whereat the said John Wardrow, for divers good causes and consideration and affection which he beareth towards Anne, his now wife . . . the better maintenance and proferment, Doth Covenante, Graunte, . . . the said George Walker and James Hutchinson, their heyres and . . . shall from henceforth stand and be seized of in and upon one Close . . . Moort Conteymngt by estimation three acres or thereabouts (be the same called or knowne by the name of Rigg's Acre, Conteymngt) by . . . upon the half parte of the west end of one Close commonly . . . estimation twelve acres or thereabouts for the same more or lesse, having cart, carriage, or any goods whatsoever, to goe in all the east end close whensoever the same shall be divided, and fall dew unto them the hedges, trees, ditches, fences, profitts, easements, hereditaments and appellening any wise appeymmye; or to or with the same or any of their . . . . . and set down (that is to say) To the onely natural life without ympenshment of or for any manner of proper uses and behoofes of them the said Anne his now wife, or to any other use or purpose in the lawe whatsoever . . . . In witness whereof they have set their names and seales the day and year abovewritten.*"



The document discovered in a Hongkong book-store.

KING CHARLES' REIGN

It is interesting to note that this document, dated 1662, refers to the "fourteenth yeare of the reigne" of King Charles II, who was restored to the throne in 1660.

Actually, King Charles II dated his reign not from the day the Commonwealth died, but from the day his father, Charles I, was executed, on January 30, 1649, according to our present calendar, and in 1648 according to the calendar then in use.

Mr. Guard has made a hobby of collecting old books in Hongkong second-hand book stores and, in addition to the Cambridge University publication of 1653, has been fortunate in securing an historically interesting copy of William Lilly's "The Prophecie of Paulus Grebnerus"; and "Severall Observations upon the Life and Death of Charles, late, King of England" two volumes in one.

An even older publication purchased in Hongkong by Mr. Guard is "The Christian Synagogue", published by John Bellamie in 1623, or over three centuries ago, and "to be sold at his Shop, at the two Grey-hounds in Carne-Hill, near the Royall Exchange."

Lilly, who was a seventeenth century Astrologer of some note, was as subsequent historians record, imprisoned for publishing an illustration depicting the Great Fire of London, in his "Prophecie of Paulus Grebnerus." A remarkable thing about the illustration is that the prophesy was made 15 years before the Great Fire actually occurred.

EMPIRE NEWS

THREATS TO SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER

Johannesburg.

The Union Prime Minister, General Hertzog, gave evidence recently before the magistrate at Witbank, Transvaal, against two young native labourers employed on his farm. They were charged with threatening to assault him and with assaulting other natives. They were fined £6 each, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment.

The Premier and his son, Mr. Charles Hertzog, had intervened when the two labourers interfered with the other natives. One of the accused men became threatening, whereupon General Hertzog dealt him a sharp blow on the shoulder with a walking-stick.

As he moved away the native shouted: "On Dingaan's Day you will die. We will kill you." General Hertzog then attempted to strike the other labourer, but failed to do so.

"He was a better swordsman than I was," said the Premier in his evidence, "and warded the blow off with a hide shield."

Dingaan's Day, which is celebrated annually as a public holiday on December 16, is the anniversary of the Battle of Blood River between the Voortrekkers and the Zulus in 1838, when 12,000 men of the forces of Dingaan, the Zulu paramount chief, were totally defeated by 460 Boers.

£20,000,000 Trade Balance.—For the first 11 months of 1937 there is a favourable trade balance in the Union of more than £20,000,000. Exports increased by £8,000,000 as compared with the corresponding period in 1936, and imports by £16,000,000. Gold accounted for £79,000,000 out of the total exports.

INDIA

SCIENTISTS' VISIT

Bombay.

Bombay gave a warm welcome recently to 94 eminent British and European scientists who have come to India to attend the Jubilee session of the Indian Science Congress at Calcutta early this month.

Sir James Jeans, the astronomer, said that the aim of the visit was to learn of the progress made by Indian scientists. The visit would be to the advantage of India as well as of the countries from which the scientists had come.

The repatriation of political prisoners continues.

AUSTRALIA

LINER STRIKE ENDS

Sydney.

Capt. Cameron, commander of the Orient liner Orford, 20,043 tons, went ashore recently and addressed a meeting of the dissatisfied stewards, who, with cooks, firemen and seamen, had gone on strike.

The captain promised an investigation of their grievances, and the men cheered him and returned to the ship. The Orford left 12 hours late.

Defence Council Meets.—The Australian Defence Council met recently under the presidency of Mr. Lyons, the Premier, to discuss programmes—particularly for the supply of munitions by private firms.—*Reuter.*

Film Legislation.—The bill of reducing the quota of Australian films to be shown and giving exhibitors the right to reject 12½ per cent. of foreign films has been passed in all its stages by both houses of the New South Wales Parliament.—*U.P.*

NEANDERTHAL CAVE FOUND

Moscow.

Remains of one of the most ancient camps of man in Russia have been discovered in the Chagaruk-Koba cave in the Crimea. The cave, it was believed, had been inhabited by the Neanderthal man who lived in the glacial epoch, about 30,000 years ago.

COLLEGE IN CHINA AIDED

Oberlin, O.

Funds have been solicited at Oberlin college here to be sent to aid students and faculty of its China branch, Oberlin-in-Shansi, in war-torn Taiku province.

Bishop Blunt, First Critic Of The Duke, Has A Breakdown

THE Bishop of Bradford, Dr. A. W. F. Blunt, who was the first high ecclesiastical authority to criticise King Edward VIII. before his abdication, is suffering from a nervous breakdown and has gone up to London to consult a specialist.

The Very Rev. E. W. Mowll, Provost of Bradford Cathedral Church, said:—

"Dr. Blunt has been advised to put himself under a London specialist for treatment.

"He has had a break down in health. I believe that there is no organic trouble of any kind.

"The Bishop conducted some of the Christmas services, but he has been unable to carry out his full duties for several weeks past."

Dr. Blunt will not return to his diocese for a few weeks.

Friends of the bishop who saw him at the Christmas services in the cathedral thought he looked ill.

Last September Bishop Blunt was to have made a tour of Canada, but a few days after arriving at Halifax, Nova Scotia, he was compelled by sudden indisposition to abandon his visit and return to England.

MISSED THE KING

Early in October he accepted an invitation to be presented to King George and Queen Elizabeth during their visit to Bradford.

The day before the King's arrival it was announced that the bishop's health did not permit him to attend.

While in Canada Bishop Blunt gave an interview in which he said he had never heard of Mrs. Simpson when he wrote his famous address criticising King Edward, which was the first public intimation of the crisis which led to the abdication.

"I was well aware," he said, "that when I delivered that speech gossip about King Edward and Mrs. Simpson had given my address a new meaning.

"I took the risk," he added, "because of the danger that silence was doing to the Crown and the Empire."

THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

The King will shortly decide the question of the Duchess of Windsor's precedence.

Consultations with the Earl Marshal and officials of the College of Heralds have now concluded, and the decision may be expected in the next few weeks.

The editor of *Burke's Peerage* said: "A formula will almost certainly be reached which will not conflict in any way with the precedence of the royal and other duchesses.

"The question of a formula is something unknown in the whole history of precedence, which dates from the thirteenth century.

"At one time it was suggested that the Duchess might be placed in a class by herself. But this is obviously out of the question.

"It would entail all kinds of difficulties. At a lunch or dinner the Duchess would have to sit at a table by herself and enter by a separate door."

Sardine Is "Hobo" Of Ocean

San Francisco, Jan. 15.

After 18 years of intensive study, the sardine has been characterized by the California State Fisheries Laboratory as being a veritable hobo of the sea.

Its wanderings, in fact, are so great that the fish threatens to involve international complications with Japan, Mexico and possibly other countries.

The system which the state laboratory has employed for the past 18 years has been to catch sardines, tag them and then keep records of where they eventually were caught again.

This had been made necessary by the controversy of whether the sardines caught off the Japanese, Mexican and Russian coasts were California sardines or whether the various sections of the seas harbour distinct sardine populations of their own. All evidence to date indicates that the sardine is a migratory fish.

According to the first report prepared by laboratory officials after checking for 8 years the sizes, maturity, spawning grounds, anatomical characteristics and licence tag attached to them, the sardines inhabiting the coast from Lower California to Canada are one homogeneous migratory population.

It has been developed further that most of the spawning occurs off the coast of Southern California and Lower California. The young remain in the warm southern waters for a while, then they get the travel urge and begin their northward swim.

The hobo instinct then develops as they grow in size. At first they are only able to get as far as Central Californian waters, returning the following spring to the spawning grounds in the south.

The next year they manage to reach the vicinity of San Francisco, or even Northern California before having to hurry back home to spawn.

Each year, however, the travel urge grows more potent in the sardine, and by the time it has reached the venerable age of 10 years the fish gets as far north as British Columbia. But it still goes back to Southern California for another spawning season.

This goes on year after year, the hobo instinct growing deeper and deeper until one fine day the husky California sardine sets out in the warm currents that carry it off to Japan, where it is caught by Japanese fishermen, canned and sent back to the United States.—*United Press.*

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts.

'The Pirates Of Penzance' Overture ....Light Opera Orchestra under direction of Rupert D'Oyly Carte; Pour, O Pour, The Pirate Sherry....Stuart Robertson and Male Chorus; When Fred'ric Was A Little Lad....Dorothy Gill; Oh, Better Far To Live And Die....Peter Dawson and Male Chorus; O, False One, You Have Deceived Me...Dorothy Gill and Derek Oldham.

12.47 Rale Da Costa (Piano).

'Der Fledermaus' — Selection (Strauss, arr. Grunfeld); 'One Hour With You'—Medley (Whiting and Straus).

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Reginald Foort at the Organ.

'Broadway Melody of 1936'—Selection; 'The Singing Marine'—Selection; Medley of Daly's Favourites.

1.13 Orchestra Raymonde.

Glow Worm—Intermezzo (Paul Lincke); Indian Mail—Descriptive (Lamothe); Berceuse (Jarnefelt); Dance Of The Merry Mascots (Ketelbey); Song Of The Vagabonds (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor).

Tant Qu'il Y Aura Des Etoiles (Hornez, Vendresse and Scotto); Chanson Pour Ma Brune (Koger and Scotto); C'Est A Capri (Nazelles and Grosz).

1.50 De Groot and His Orchestra.

Destiny (Baynes); La Paloma (Yradier); The Song Of Songs (Moya); La Violetera (film 'City Lights'—Padilla); The Waltz Dream'—Selection (O. Straus).

2.15 Close Down.

6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 'In A Persian Garden'—Song Cycle.

From 'The Rubaiyat' of Omar Khayyam (Fitzgerald and Liza Lehmann); Quartette: Dora Labbette, Muriel Brunskill, Hubert Eisdell and Harold Williams with Piano.

7.35 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.38 Cortot (Piano) playing Chopin

Valse In A Flat, Op. 69, No. 1 (Valse Des Adieux) Tarantelle, Op. 43.

7.45 London Relay—W. H. Berry as 'Mr. Micawber'.

In some episodes from his life. Adapted from Dickens' *David Copperfield* by Max Kester.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 New Variety Records.

Orchestra—Halfway To Heaven (film 'The Street Singer'); If You Only Knew (Ivor Novello)....Albert Sandler and His Orchestra; Vocal—The Moon Got In My Eyes (Film 'Double or Nothing'); It's The Natural Thing To Do (Film 'Double or Nothing')....Hildegarde; Sketch—Mr. Penny On Government Service (Moiseiwitsch)....Richard Goolden; Doris Gilmore; Anthony Eustrel; Rani Waller; Glynn Jones; Organ—Torch Song Parade Of 1937..... Sidney Torch; Orchestra—You're Here, You're There, You're Everywhere (Kahal and Loeb); Foolin' Myself (Lawrence and Tinturin)....Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends; Vocal and Piano—The Little Boy That Santa Claus Forgot (Connor, Leach and Kennedy); Afraid To Dream (film 'You Can't Have Everything')....Les Allen with novelty accompaniment by Lauri Day and Jimmy Turnbull on two pianos.

8.50 London Relay—'London Log.'

9.00 Local Sport Results.

9.05 Musical Comedy Selections.

'Rose Marie' (Friml)—Selection...New Mayfair Orchestra; This Year Of Theatre Land, 1936.....Janet Lind and Webster Booth; The Song Of The Drum (Ellis and Finck)—Selection....Herman Finck and His Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a)—(d) Tangos and Waltzes.

10.10 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.10 (a) Sing a Song of London (b) Naughty, Naughty (c) Everything you said came true (d) Runnin' Wild.

10.30 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.35 (a) Ebb Tide (b) Rockin' the Town (c) Angel (c) A Foggy Day.

10.50 London Relay—Scotland v. Wales.

A running commentary by H. B. T. Wakelam on the International Rugby Union Football Match from Murray field, Edinburgh. (By courtesy of the Scottish Rugby Union).

12.40 Close Down.

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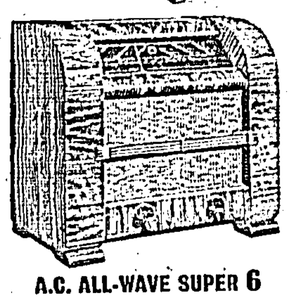

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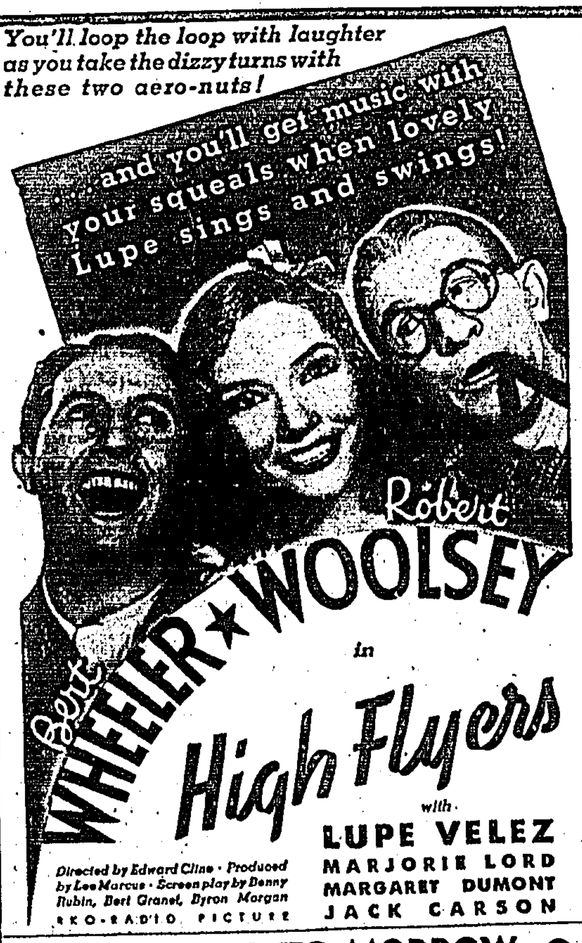

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'Tough Guy' COMES BACK

To Have & Have Not

By Ernest Hemingway
(Cape, 7s. 6d.)

UNLIKE most writers of Tough Guy stories, Ernest Hemingway has always been in the thick of things himself. He looks tough. He is tough. And he writes like an angel who had once been a world middle-weight champion.

I like that tale they tell about his Parisian days—how, watching a big match at the Salle Wagram, he got so mad at the fouls the winning boxer was giving his opponent that he climbed into the ring and knocked the man out.

Remembering those broad, powerful shoulders, you say to yourself: "Yes, that's the old Hemingway." Reading this novel—it must be eight years since his last, *Farewell to Arms*—with its driving dialogue, superbly seen incidents and sensational style, you say: "That's the old Hemingway, too."

To Have and Have Not tells the adventures of Harry Morgan, who ran a boat between Florida and Cuba and was willing to do anything, from kidnapping Chinamen to carrying bootleg liquor, from murder to "stealing" his own ship under the noses of the Customs officers.

He is ducking behind the bar of a Havana café, dodging a gangster's machine-gun, when the story opens: He is lying dead from a gangster's bullet when it ends. A Tough Guy in trouble all the time.

And, meanwhile, we have seen him break a man's back, lose his arm ("What happened to your arm, Harry?". "I didn't like the look of it, so I cut it off") on a rum-running trip and shoot up a crowd of bank-robbers who had forced him to take them out to sea.

Schoolboy stuff, you say? Yes, if you-like. But it is written with such sensitiveness, understanding and conviction that, long before Mr. Hemingway had done with him, I felt I not only knew Harry down to the last shot in his wicked locker, but, bad sailor as I am, I was willing to roll through the Gulf Stream swell with him—just to learn a little more.

For this is one of those rare tales that takes in more and more life as you read on. The life of a world of thugs and wash-outs. A world where the he-man rules hazardously and only the super-he-man can be king—and not for long. A world in which polite society—and polite conversation—is a helpless, hopeless stranger.

Mr. Hemingway's world, in fact. And, while you are with him, you'll take it and like it, too.

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LIFE WITH MOTHER

By Clarence Day
(Chatto and Windus, 7s. 6d.)

APPARENTLY some people didn't find anything funny in *Life with Father*, just as some people hate strawberries and cream. Well, I am a reviewer, not psycho-analyst, and I give the problem up.

To me, at any rate, these sketches of American home-life, as seen by a fleridishly observant child in the 1900s, have an irresistible midriff appeal. Few of us can boast parents as magnificent in their way as Clarence Day Senior, and his wife, Vinnie. But that, perhaps, is our misfortune.

Father still roars and crashes his way through *Life With Mother*, but Mother has a knack of getting her own way. You must laugh over her cures for an engagement-ring, her devotion to that rubber tree and her gentle circumvention of his plans to make her ride horseback or learn German.

Above all, there's nothing spiteful about any of these caricatures. The Days were clearly happy folk, devoted to each other—and, thanks to the late Clarence Day's talent, that happiness will surely spread.

Typical sketches from the delightful book about children, "Serious Business," by J. H. Dowd (80 drawings by him) and B. E. Spender—published by Country Life at 10s. 6d.

JOHN KNOX

By Lord Eustace Percy
(Hodder and Stoughton, 20s.)

LORD EUSTACE PERCY has always been held up to us as a bit of a paragon. He was so brilliant. Harold Nicolson wrote of how tremendous he was under the tuition of a crammer for the Diplomatic Service.

When he appeared in the street, pale but noble, we were admonished to mark his passage. "There," persons of a large experience would say, "goes an unusually gifted young man. One day he will be Prime Minister."

Well—he won't. Not so far as anyone can judge. He resigned his Cabinet post because Mr. Baldwin wouldn't give him any real brainwork to do, and, as soon as Parliament meets, he will apply for the Chiltern Hundreds and resign his seat as M.P. for Hastings.

Once President of the Board of Education, he now presides as Rector over the Newcastle Division of Durham University.

All this is by the way—but not, perhaps, entirely. Because it explains some things about *John Knox*, a substantial and scholarly biography which Lord Eustace has just written.

Into his book he has projected much of his own political past. He is for ever striving for parallels between the turbulent times of sixteenth-century Scotland and twentieth century Europe. He likes to feel that Knox failed by the same errors of judgment through which great careers are unmade to-day.

The Reason Why

He does not seem disappointed or embittered. But he cannot escape a search for the political motives behind every action. He tries to understand the stormy great Presbyterian so hard that he explains him right away.

John Knox was a creature straight from Sinai. Lord Eustace has missed his fiery essence and Hebrew intensity. Perhaps, by the same blindness, that is why Lord Eustace missed his chance of being Prime Minister one day.

T. D.

BEST SELLER OF THE WEEK

They Seek A Country

by Francis Brett Young (Heinemann, 8s. 6d.).

THRILLERS

SCRAWLED in red across the "Quiet Is Requested" notice on the hotel bedroom door were the words "Dead woman." And inside there she was, too. An odd affair, and only one of many through which the mountainous Dr. Fell wheezes and lectures his way to the tolling bell and the hangman's rope. Fantastic, but all the clues are there—in **To Wake the Dead**, by John Dickson Carr (Hamish Hamilton, 7s. 6d.).

Another old friend, Mrs. Bradley, of the fearsome grin and the claw-like hand, is landed by Gladys Mitchell in **Come Away Death** (Michael Joseph, 8s. 6d.), in an atmosphere where sacrifice is made to the ancient gods and murder is done the Homeric way. But there's lots of good fun, though you'll like it all the better if you're fairly well up in Greek mythology.

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Woman also comes into her own in **The Tiny Diamond**, by Charlotte Murray Russell (The World's Work, 7s. 6d.). This time it is one of those spinsters who disapprove of a drink but love murder. Chicago's choicest have no chance at all against her.

John Oliver Mayo gives you, in **Death Says Good Morning** (Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.), an excellent example of the latest sort of thriller, that with a social conscience. No longer do you sock the villain in the name of patriotism—the slogan now is peace and democracy. But make no mistake. There is still a corpse or two to every chapter, or, at any rate, a wholehearted attempt to create them.

20-DAY FAST FATAL

Belgrade.

George Dabrovitch, a Yugoslav lawyer, decided to find out how long a man can live without food and then write an article about it. He found out, but he will not write any article as he collapsed and died on the 20th day of his fast.

BEHOLD THE JUDGE

By John Brophy
(Collins, 8s. 6d.)

I ALWAYS think there is something at once comic and frightening about the look of a judge in his official dress. In this novel Mr. Brophy seeks to penetrate the disguise and find the man hidden away behind that parade of impersonality.

He succeeds in showing us the real Henry Gaston beneath the trappings of Mr. Justice Gaston: a cultured, kindly, patient, lonely being with ideals not entirely strangled by legality, a feeling for precision and fairness quite apart from the law, an Englishman conscious of the past but with his eyes open to the light of to-day.

Yet the story as a whole falls because the author has tried to put in too much and has not fused the parts into a whole. There is, for instance, a description of the petty hell that men can make for one another in a big department store—a description leading up to the murder trial which ends the book. It is excellently done, but the link with the judge is arbitrary.

His son is in love with a girl employed in the store. Again, their romance is well told, and so is the social disturbance which the proposed marriage causes. The judge's wife is a cruel caricature of a snob, so bitingly etched that it is out of register with the rest of the tale.

And the judge, even when he is unmasked—or unwigged—remains oddly aloof from the people whose fate is involved with his and influenced by his decisions.

All the same, I found this an intelligent, sincere book. Well worth your while.

DOCTOR WINS "STORK TITLE"

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SHARK MEAT MORE POPULAR

Melbourne.

Shark's meat is becoming a common commodity and a common edible in Australia. It sells at 12 cents a pound, is practically boneless and tastes about the same as cod.

For Your Library List

NOVELS.

* * * Cella, by E. H. Young. (Cape, 8s. 6d.).

* * Esther Vanner, by Chris Massie. (Sampson Low, Marston 7s. 6d.).

* * Candle in the Sun, by Edith Roberts. (Harrap, 8s. 6d.).

DETECTION.

* * Proceed With Caution, by John Rhode. (Collins, 7s. 6d.).

* * The High Sheriff, by Henry Wade. (Constable, 7s. 6d.).

LIFE-STORY.

* * * Here I Lie, by Alex. M. Thompson. (Routledge, 15s.).

* * * First-rate.
* * Very entertaining.

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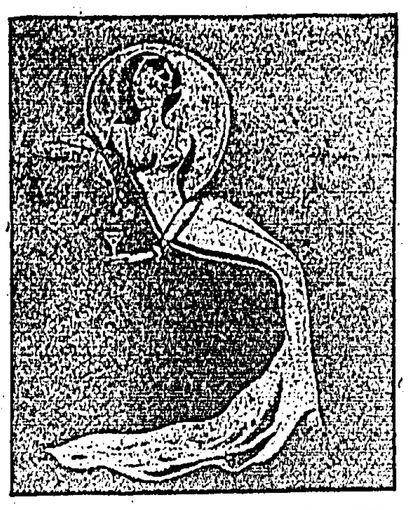

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I Spent Christmas in MADRID

by Peter Langdale

MADRID, Boxing Day.

A 1914 Oviedo rifle was the only Christmas present I received in Madrid.

It was given me by a young veteran, Carlos Martin, who acted as my guide when first I arrived here.

The rifle barrel had been bent about ¼in. out of alignment when Carlos tried to lever away a boulder that had been blown on top of his brother during an engagement near Somosierra.

The brother died amid the rattle of the machine-gun that had been hastily erected behind the boulder and the rousing cries of the Government soldiers: "Viva Republica."

With Christmas greetings hailing from a dozen different European stations on Madrid's radios, the boom of Big Ben at midnight drowning them all, the wartime city had its own many ways of showing that it was conscious of the festival.

Ten o'clock curfew was greatly ignored.

People who would not otherwise dare show themselves in the streets without the special night pass, difficult to obtain, boldly walked the streets; and I joined one carousing band whose troubles were being temporarily forgotten in potent wine, buried long ago and now resurrected to celebrate "Christmas and Teruel."

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That has been the common toast for days, and it is interesting to notice that even here Christmas takes precedence of everything else for a day or two.

In the back streets, from behind shuttered windows, I heard the first sounds of laughter—real, heartfelt merriment, since arriving in Madrid.

The people behind the shutters were obviously enjoying themselves as much as their brothers and sisters in the world's pleasure spots, only they were doing so less luxuriously.

There was no need for wine and good food to loosen up their merriment. The laughter was, perhaps, slightly hysterical, like reaction after tension has relaxed, but it was sincere.

And there was a small tin of bully beef as a Christmas gift for each civilian; for the soldiers, nougat and brandy.

REFUGEES.—Street scene on the outskirts of Madrid.

Outside was brilliant sunshine, but extreme cold. Soldiers and civilians joined in the holiday promenade, many in their best clothes.

Children were enjoying themselves on scooters and roller skates. A queer Christmas for Madrid, but still—Christmas.

Later, in the dark hours of the morning, I came upon a couple entwined in each other's arms behind the Hotel Internationale.

A city guard moved them away, complaining they had been there for an hour, why couldn't they go home?

The girl answered that her father did not like her young man and this was the only place she had been able to speak to him.

To-morrow he was going to Teruel. Perhaps it was the last time they would be together.

The guard shook his head sadly, sympathetically disappearing from that part of his beat.

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I met two soldiers from the Fifth Regiment of Militia who had recently come out of hospital. Both of them had been in the "suicide" Steel Companies and were among the few who survived the first rebel onslaughts on Madrid.

Food was getting scarce up in the front lines, they told me. Pork fat cubes was the usual diet. No, it was not being varied for Christmas.

A prisoner had made their stomachs ache, they said, with his tales of Franco's vast supplies of food. Think of it, they said, twenty pounds of tomatoes for a fraction of a peseta.

You could hardly get one tomato in Madrid for twenty pounds sterling at the present moment. In fact, I myself have not had a square meal since I arrived.

Christmas mid-day ration queues received just a trifle more food than before, I noticed, but not enough to keep some of these paunchy Spaniards from pricking another notch in their belts.

Madrid's shops have been practically denuded of their scanty stores, for the craze for giving and getting Christmas presents has been as rife here as anywhere.

I saw one place displaying locally-carved toy soldiers and sailors, gaudily coloured, surrounded on all sides by toy cannons, and I made a bet that that shop would not sell anything.

My friend, Carlos, and I went round there two days later to settle the bet. A few old clothes had succeeded the toys, and I had an idea the shopkeeper had used his merchandise for the next best thing—firewood, which is so scarce now that the Sierra wind makes one feel like burning down the hotel to get some warmth.

I lost my bet. The toy soldiers had sold like hot cakes, the toy artillery running them a close second.

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I attended a Christmas party in a large house which had miraculously escaped serious damage in a heavily shelled area of the city, my hosts being a number of officers billeted in the house.

They were mostly men convalescing, which seems to mean a few days' rest before returning from the hospital bed to the front trenches.

It was a strange party. The young men who should have had the sparkle of youth seemed old beyond their age, while the older men seemed endued with a new and youthful energy.

To-morrow, or the day after, they were due, almost to a man, back at their front-line outposts. Christmas had come and gone for them, if, indeed, it had ever arrived.

When I left the party in the darkness of the morning I remembered the round of crackers they had pulled as a gesture to the English newspapermen present.

As I walked back to my quarters a not dissimilar noise could be heard, prolonged and amplified though miles away.

Dawn was lighting the sky. Christmas was over.

I heard guns instead of crackers.

BABY HELD CAPTIVE BY NAZIS

Hopes of securing the release of one of Hitler's youngest prisoners have been dashed in the past few days.

She is 13-month-old Anita Prestes, daughter of Luiz Carlos Prestes, the imprisoned Brazilian Liberation leader.

Her German mother was handed over to the Nazis at the same time as Mrs. Elise Ewert, wife of a former German Deputy, and the two women have languished in a German prison without trial since October, 1936.

Anita was born in prison and a letter from her mother a few months ago expressed fears that the child would be taken from her and placed in a Nazi institution.

NAZIS' EXCUSE

Representations to the German authorities produced a promise that Anita would be released before Christmas so that she might be handed over to the care of her grandmother in Paris.

Arrangements were made accordingly, but at the last moment intimation was received that the child could not be freed before January 15. The need for further medical examination and for communication with Brazil was pleaded in excuse.

The intervening friends fear that this may be only the beginning of a series of postponements leading to a final refusal to release the baby.

N. C.

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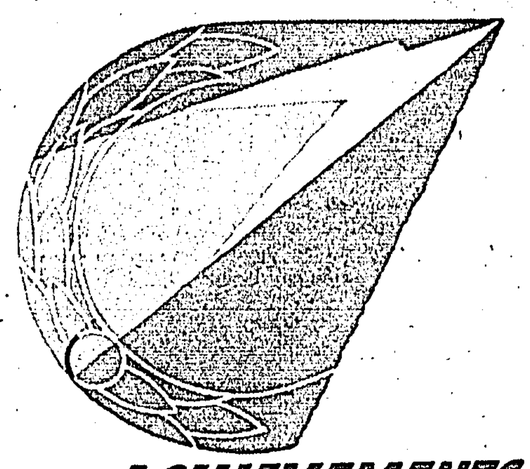

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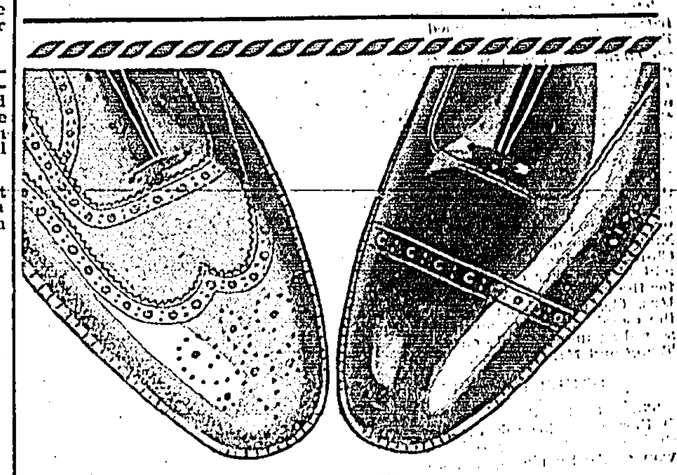

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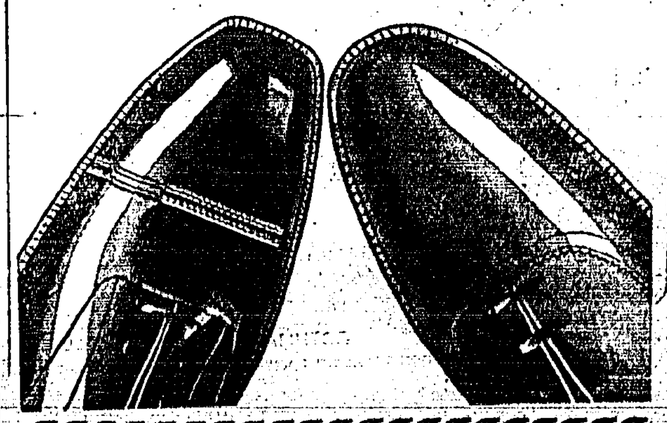

KOWLOON TONG GIVEN A SHOCK BY ST. ANDREW'S

DEFEATED IN BADMINTON LEAGUE

W. C. CHOY & MRS. STOKES PLAY WELL TOGETHER

(By "Abe")

Kowloon Tong's hopes of finishing in the runners-up position in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League received a rude jolt last evening when they visited St. Andrew's and were beaten by six games to three. The Saints thus reversed the decision of the first encounter between the two teams.

As on the previous occasion, W. C. Choy and Mrs. Stokes obtained all three games for St. Andrew's; but this time they received required support from the other two pairs, and victory was secured quite comfortably in spite of the fact that the issue was open until the final round.

The fine play of Choy and Mrs. Stokes was the feature of the match. They were given a good fight by R. E. Lee and Miss M. Xavier in the opening encouter, but their next two were won with comparative ease. While Choy maintained the same high standard throughout, Mrs. Stokes was at her best against F. Tsang and Mrs. A. W. da Roza, scoring many aces at the net. She fell off somewhat in the last game against A. W. da Roza and Mrs. Castro, but Choy made up for her lapses with some smart recoveries. Nevertheless, Mrs. Stokes remained the best lady player of the evening.

SHAKY START

After a shaky start, E. F. Fincher and Miss F. Wong won two games. They might have won all three if Miss Wong had not been nervous in the match against da Roza and Mrs. Castro. She made too many mistakes in this game to hope for victory, and threw a heavy burden on Fincher's shoulders. She recovered very well, however, and played a good game at the vital stages. Considering that Fincher has an appendix which has to be taken out on Monday, I thought he played uncommonly well! He had to do a prodigious amount of running, as did Henry Kew, whose partner Miss M. Churn, did not give him the support that she might. Kew was the most hard-working man of the match.

The Kowloon Tong pairs were well-balanced, but they happened to find their hosts in tip-top form. Though no combination won more than one game, I thought R. E. Lee and Miss Xavier the best of the three. The understanding between da Roza and Mrs. Castro left plenty of room for improvement.

Kowloon Tong took a lead of 2-1 in the first round, but the tide turned in the second when the Saints annexed all three games to establish a commanding advantage. Lee and Miss Xavier then defeated Kew and Miss Churn to reduce the deficit, but Choy and Mrs. Stokes clinched the match for the Saints by beating da Roza and Mrs. Castro. In the final game of the evening, Fincher and Miss Wong scored an unexpectedly easy win over Tsang and Mrs. da Roza.

OTHER MATCHES

The Club de Recreio went further ahead towards the championship when they visited Taikoo and won easily by nine games to nil.

The Free Lances paid a visit to the Club de Recreio "B" at King's Park and succeeded by seven games to two.

Scores:

ST. ANDREW'S v. K. TONG

W. C. Choy and Mrs. Stokes (St. Andrew's) beat R. E. Lee and Miss M. Xavier 21-17; beat A. W. da Roza and Mrs. A. E. H. Castro 21-11; beat F. Tsang and Mrs. A. W. da Roza 21-8.

E. F. Fincher and Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's) beat Lee and Miss Xavier 21-10; lost to da Roza and Mrs. Castro 16-21; beat Tsang and Mrs. da Roza 21-6.

H. Kew and Miss M. Churn (St. Andrew's) lost to Lee and Miss Xavier 6-21; beat da Roza and Mrs. Castro 21-13; lost to Tsang and Mrs. da Roza 16-21.

RECREIO "B" v FREE LANCES

M. M. de V. Soares and Miss C. Botelho (Recreio) lost to J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths 1-21; lost to A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Clarke 14-21; lost to S. W. Clarke and Miss N. Eardley 12-21.

C. N. da Silva and Miss A. Remedios (Recreio) lost to Anderson and Miss Griffiths 21-23; beat Fisher and Mrs. Clarke 21-10; beat Clarke and Miss Eardley 21-12.

C. C. Pereira and Mrs. A. Noronha (Recreio) lost to Anderson and Miss Griffiths 5-21; lost to Fisher and Mrs. Clarke 9-21; lost to Clarke and Miss Eardley 19-21.

TAIKOO v. RECREIO "A"

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio) beat A. Keown and Miss Summers 21-6; beat G. A. Smith and Miss Cunningham 21-5; beat S. Newman and Miss Pollock 21-10.

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (Recreio) beat Keown and Miss Summers 21-6; beat Smith and Miss Cunningham 21-10; beat Newman and Miss Pollock 21-10.

L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio) beat Keown and Miss Summers 21-10; beat Smith and Miss Cunningham 24-23; beat Newman and Miss Pollock 21-10.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	8	8	0	0	64	8	16
St. Andrew's	9	5	4	0	38	43	10
University	7	4	3	0	38	25	8
Kowloon Tong	7	4	3	0	33	30	8
Free Lances	8	4	4	0	35	37	8
Taikoo	9	2	7	0	24	57	4
Recreio "B"	6	0	6	0	11	43	0

FARR - BAER FIGHT ARRANGED

New York, Feb. 4.

Tommy Farr has agreed to meet Max Baer at Madison Square Garden, New York, on March 11, in a 15-round fight.

The promoter has promised that the winner will later meet the winner of the Schmeling-Louis fight for the world title.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

TOPS WOMEN ATHLETES—By a margin of 1 point, Katherine (Kitty) Rawls, above, swim star of Miami, Fla., was adjudged leading woman athlete, in a nation-wide sports poll. She topped Senorita Anita Lizana, Chilean holder of the U. S. tennis crown, and Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page of Chapel Hill, N. C., golf champion.

DONALD BUDGE IN THE NEWS AGAIN

OFFERED £20,000 TO TURN "PRO"

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Dec. 29.

The writing seems to be on the wall for Donald Budge, of the auburn hair and pulverising forehand, to vacate the ranks of amateur lawn tennis players before the New Year of 1938 is out.

Repeated offers have been made him to join up with one of the touring professional troupes, and to them all the world's No. 1 has turned a deaf ear; but this Christmas has brought him a bid of £20,000.

Budge is the greatest amateur in the game, in spite of his 6—1, 6—3 defeat yesterday by von Cramm in an exhibition match in Sydney, for which he was properly chastised alike by critics and tennis officials. World champions are not expected to treat exhibitions in a garden party spirit.

But great though Budge may be, he is not so great that he can turn up his nose at £20,000. Fred Perry was paid £10,000 when he turned professional with a guarantee that he would earn another £10,000 in his first year—which he did.

Amateur tennis officials guard their champions with loving care, but put yourself in Budge's place. Personally, if I were a tennis champion and someone wanted my signature for £20,000, the only thing that would prevent me from signing would be absence of ink in the pen.

ON GUARD

Amateur officials guard their champions with so much care that immediately after Budge had won the United States singles two of them went sentry-go in the bathroom, in spite of the fact that Budge was then in the bath. The professional scouts were around, and Budge's amateur status had to be protected even at the cost of his personal privacy.

The technique of bodyguarding cannot be so well developed in Australia. Budge has been slipped the largest money-down offer yet made to an amateur tennis champion.

Looking as disinteresting as he could, Budge admitted the offer was good, but said he could not accept it because he had given his word to play for the United States in the Davis Cup next August and September.

Now that is precisely what Perry said when he was approached by professional promoters, and the promoters read into his answer an invitation to repeat their bid when he had fulfilled his obligation as a champion and a gentleman.

Budge's reply has been likewise interpreted, and the belief is that when he has helped his country in the Davis Cup he will be ready to cash in on his talent.

DISQUIETING

With H. W. Austin and von Cramm talking of giving up big lawn tennis, with Perry and Vines professionals, and Budge expected to take the plunge, the outlook for Wimbledon and Forest Hills is not so healthy.

There have been many defections from the amateur game in the past two years, but not enough new players introduced to make good the vacancies. The absence of young champion-in-the-making with the requisite ticket-selling powers is disquieting.

In fact, it would not be surprising if Wimbledon experienced a few not-so-good years. Such an event (or events) might hasten the introduction of what many in the game advocate—an open championship, in which Perry, Vines, and Co. could play on equal terms with the best amateurs.

Much as the world's amateur control bodies dislike professionalism, their dislike of championship meetings which did not show a fine profit would be even greater.

A world's open championship would be such an attraction that those who now miss half-a-night's sleep in order to queue up early outside Wimbledon would probably get no sleep at all.

RIVALS CLASH AGAIN

Shelaeff Willing To Meet Henry

Manila, Jan. 28.

Andre Shelaeff, who climbed to the Oriental Welterweight championship over the prostrate body of Clever Henry last Saturday night, will defend the newly won crown against the former titleholder on February 5 at the Rizal Memorial Stadium, it was announced to-day.

February 5 was selected as the night that the Harbin Boy Wonder should receive the championship belt from the hands of Field Marshal Douglas MacArthur, Military Adviser to the Commonwealth of the Philippines, but he willingly agreed that it should also mark the first defence of his title.

Recovered from the terrible blows which had flattened him in the third round, Henry hurled a challenge at the youthful Russian for a return bout.

Unlike most champions, the heavy-hitting Harbin youth immediately took up the gauntlet. The Russian lad said that he was only too glad to accommodate the Filipino. He pointed out that he had nothing to fear. He had knocked out the veteran Filipino champion once and he could do it again, probably even in shorter time if the former champion would stand up and fight.

Back Remains In Play With A Broken Jaw

Rugger Incident In Shanghai

London, Jan. 28.

Spectators who packed the stands at the Canidrome last Sunday to witness the match between the Welch Fusiliers and the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club, cheered the Shanghai back, P. de Beaumont, when he rose from the turf after crashing into another player, and continued the match.

They would have cheered still more had they known what was not revealed until after the game was over: that de Beaumont had played through the remainder of the match with a broken jaw, and suffering great pain.

De Beaumont kept on his feet until the match was finished. It was only then that his magnificent courage gave way and he collapsed. An examination revealed that his jaw had been broken in the collision during the game.

The player was taken to hospital, where it was reported yesterday that his condition was showing satisfactory improvement.—*Shanghai Times.*

FOOTBALL TREAT FOR WEEK-END

Shield, League And Trial Matches

(By "Abe")

A feast of good football is in store for local enthusiasts this week-end. A trial match between the Hongkong F.A. and the Chinese, a Shield replay between St. Joseph's and Kowloon and three League encounters make up the senior programme, which is one of the best arranged for the season.

The trial match takes place to-morrow on the Hongkong F.C. ground commencing at 3.30 p.m., while the Shield and League games will be decided to-day.

The Shield replay between St. Joseph's and Kowloon contains more than mere passing interest because in the first match, played on the South China ground at Caroline Hill, the Saints had the services of several players who had not turned out before for them this season. They had Connor (goal), Pickering (right back), Beltrao (centre half) and C. F. Remedios (right half). On the other hand, though Kowloon was assisted by Rowlands (goal), Evans (right half), O'Connor (left half) and Coakley (right wing), these players had played regularly for them during the present campaign.

To-day, however, while Kowloon still has Rowlands, Evans and O'Connor (Coakley is on the reserve list for some reason or other), the Saints definitely will not have O'Connor and Pickering, who are no longer in the Colony. They may have Beltrao and Remedios, but the former is not certain of being able to play. Anyway he is not included in the Saints' line-up at the time of writing. It is understood that B. Gosano, who is at present in Hongkong, may don the Saints' colours this afternoon, although this report has yet to be confirmed.

SAINTS' BIG TASK

If form during the first match is to be relied upon, Kowloon should get through to-day; for despite the assistance of O'Connor and Pickering, the Saints only just saved themselves with a goal scored towards the end. Were it not for Pickering, they would in all probability have lost the encounter in spite of the good work done by Beltrao at centre-half and O'Connor in goal. It was this Ulster right back who prevented D. Knox from becoming dangerous whenever he was within shooting distance. Without him to-day, the Saints will be hard put to it to stop the nippy Kowloon forward line.

Whichever side wins, a good game should be assured.

As regards the League matches to-day, it seems to me that the one between Middlesex and Eastern is about the best. The teams are evenly-matched. Seaforths should win their encounter with the Club fairly comfortably, and Police should beat Kowloon Chinese. Although the last-named side earned their first point only last week end this may give them the encouragement they need, the Police also showed a great improvement in their match against South China "A" and were robbed of both points only in the last few minutes.

The tit-bit of the week-end programme is the trial game to-morrow when the Chinese will play an Association team. All the best players in the Colony will be on view as the Colony Selectors will start work on getting a representative Hongkong team to play the Islington Corinthians later in the month.

Track And Field Champions

New York, Jan. 10.

National track and field champions for 1937:
100-meters—Perrin Walker, New York.
200-meters—Jack Wierhauser, Olympic Club, San Francisco.
400-meters—Ray Malott, Olympic Club, San Francisco.
800-meters—John Woodruff, University of Pittsburgh.
*1500-meters—Glenn Cunningham, New York Curb Echange A. A.
5,000-meters—Joe McCluskey, New York A. C.
10,000-meters—Elno Pentti, Millrose A. A., New York.
110-meter high hurdles—Allan Tolmich, Wayne University.
200-meter low hurdles—Allan Tolmich, Wayne University.
400-meter low hurdles—Jack Patterson, Rice Institute.
3,000-meter walk—Max Beutel, New York Y. M. H. A.
3,000-meter steeplechase—Floyd Lochner, St. Louis.
400-meter relay—Olympic Club, San Francisco (Jack Wierhauser, Ray Malott, Al Fitch and Ray Dean).
1,600-meter relay—New York Curb Exchange A. A. (Glenn Cunningham, James Herbert, Edward O'Sullivan, Ed Stripling).
High jump—David Albritton, Ohio State.
Broad Jump—Kermit King, Pittsburg, Kan., Teachers.
*Hop, step and jump—Billy Brown, Baker, La., high school.
Pole vault—Bill Sefton, Southern California.
Shotput—James Reynolds, Olympic Club, San Francisco.
Discus throw—Phil Levy, Olympic Club, San Francisco.
Hammer throw—Irving Folwartshny, Rhode Island State.
Javelin throw—William Reitz, Southern California Sportsmen's Association.
*56-pound weight throw—Louis Lepis, New York A. C.
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Cross country—Donald Lash, Bloomington, Ind.

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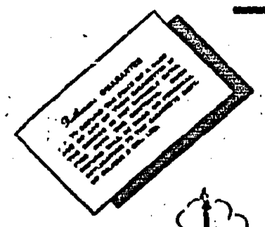

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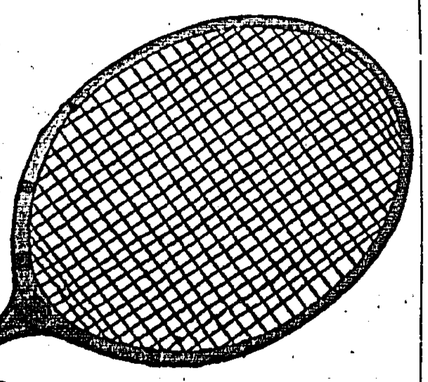

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Admiral Sir Percy Noble's Flag On H.M.S. Cumberland

His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble took over as new Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet this morning.

The official transfer took place at 8 a.m. the Flag of the new C.-in-C. being broken out in H.M.S. Cumberland, while that of Vice-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe, who is leaving for Home by the P. and O. liner Chitral at noon, was broken out in H.M.S. Capetown and hauled down in H.M.S. Falmouth; being re-hoisted in H.M.S. Falmouth on completion of the gun salute.

At 8.05 a.m., H.M.S. Capetown saluted the Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble with 15 guns, H.M.S. Cumberland replying. Sir Percy came on deck in H.M.S. Cumberland at 9.30 a.m. and was received with a guard and band.

Vice-Admiral Crabbe left at 10 a.m. by car for Queen's Pier, where he inspected the military guard of honour.

Later in the morning, His Excellency, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew and Commodore E. B. C. Dicken called on Admiral Noble, who subsequently paid a call on His Excellency the Governor and returned those of the G.O.C. and the Commodore.

His Excellency the Governor returned the call at 12.45 p.m.

MILITARY GUARDS

Military guards of honour for the occasion were drawn from the Royal Scots, the Middlesex Regiment and the Kumaon Rifles.

The Royal Scots provided the guard at Queen's Pier for the departure of Admiral Crabbe. A second guard, provided by the Middlesex Regiment, attended the landing of Vice-Admiral Noble at Queen's Pier at 11.15 a.m.

At Government House, a guard of honour drawn from the Kumaon Rifles was present; while at 11.45 a.m. at Flagstaff House, a guard was drawn from the Royal Scots.

STOCK MARKET STILL DULL

London, Feb. 5.

The Stock Exchange operations yesterday saw giltedged attracting the bulk of attention. Good gains were registered, though they closed below their best price under end of account influences.

Other sections were mainly dull in sympathy with Wall Street, but internationals subsequently rallied slightly.

Commodities, rubber and base metals also reflected the weakness overnight from New York but rallied partially in the final stages.—*Reuter Special.*

COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association will be held in the Association Offices, Holland House, on Monday, February 7, at 5.30 p.m.

Enacting a wild travesty upon the traditional fandango which has been so lavishly and in all seriousness exploited in theatrical presentations, Robert Woolsey and Lupe Velez make it a laugh riot. They perform in "High Flyers," showing at the Alhambra Theatre to-morrow. True to the old stage slogan that "the show must go on," Robert Woolsey completed this RKO Radio picture on schedule despite a breakdown in health. Now he will rest for an entire year.

LOCAL HOCKEY

Civilians v. Combined Army And R.A.F.

The hockey match between the Civilians and a combined Army and R.A.F. team, will be played on the Club ground, King's Park, to-morrow at 4 p.m.

As the C.B.A. will be sending a team to Macao during the week-end, their representatives chosen to turn out for the Civilians have been replaced. The amended Civilian XI is now as follows:

Chan Kam-fui (Police); A. E. P. Guest (Radio), Hayward (Police); Brown (Police), Hassan (Radio), Malik (K. I. T. C.); Teja Singh (Police), G. Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Pinto (K.I.T.C.) and A. P. Sousa (K.I.T.C.).

The following have been selected for the Army and R.A.F.:

Cpl. Dobson (R.E.); Flt. Lieut. Wallace (R.A.F.), Pte. Grogan (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Ray (R.E.), L/NK. Gulam Rasul (Rajputs), A. N. Other (Seaforths); Khuda Bux (H.K. S.R.A.), Lieut. Sawal Khan (Rajputs), Lieut. Pritam Nath (Rajputs), Lieut. Chattey (Middlesex) and Rifmn. Partaub (Kumaons).

Reserves:—One from Middlesex and one from Kumaons.

The Civilians will play in white, and their opponents in colours.

LADIES' TEAMS

The following will represent the Central British Association Ladies 1st. XI v. the "Y" Ladies in a Caer Clarke fixture to-day at 3 p.m. on the Central British Association ground, King's Park:

D. Moss; B. Parsons and P. Whitley; I. Woolley, M. Trail and E. Clewer; D. Hunt, M. Daniels, M. White, R. Forster and F. Best.

Second Eleven

The following will represent the Central British Association Ladies 2nd. XI v. the Recreio Ladies in a Brawn Cup Fixture to-day at 3 p.m. on the Shamshuipo ground:

P. MacFayden; P. Everest and M. Clarke; M. Bell, L. Dunn and J. Whiteman; M. MacAlpine, P. Eccleshall, K. Winch, E. Hunt and M. Hancey.

St. Andrew's Team

The following will represent St. Andrew's in the Brawn Cup match against the Seaforth Ladies on the "Y" ground at 3 p.m. to-day:

J. Hall; E. Chang and J. Broadbridge; M. Lawson, M. Roza and B. Greaves; V. Churn, Y. Ho, M. Churn, S. Roberts and D. Hall. Reserve, M. Vessoona.

LADIES' GOLF

The following are the competition results of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:

Captain's Cup, January, Old Course, Mrs. Whyte-Smith 98—17=87; New Course, Mrs. R. D. Walker 100—31=69 (qualified on last 9 holes); Mrs. R. Young 103—34=69; Mrs. Woodward 98—29=69; Mrs. Kay 93—23=70; Mrs. Forsyth 101—30=71; Mrs. Hillier 87—14=73.

L.G.U. Medal, January 11, Silver, Mrs. Redmond 97—17=80; Bronze Mrs. Collis 98—30=68; Mrs. Greaves 105—36=69; Mrs. Sommerfelt 91—19=72; Mrs. A. B. Thomson 97—25=72.

Bogey Pool New Course, Mrs. Hillier, all square. These were 99 entries.

Happy Valley Medal, played on the shortened course, Mrs. E. W. Clark 87—35=52; Mrs. Murdoch 83—27=56; Mrs. Tuck 93—33=60; Mrs. A. Mackie 81—19=62. There were 24 entries.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Craigengower To Play Recreio To-day

The following have been selected to play for the Club de Recreio first eleven against the Craigengower Cricket Club in a League match at King's Park to-day, commencing at 2 p.m.:

E. L. Gosano (Capt), A. M. Rodrigues, A. M. Pratu, W. A. Reed, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., H. L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, A. P. Pereira, J. E. Noronha, N. A. Beltrao and B. T. Gosano.

Craigengower Selections

The following will represent Craigengower first eleven against the Club de Recreio in a League cricket match on Recreio's ground to-day:

E. Zimmern (Capt), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, A. Gobind, A. B. Hamson, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, F. K. Lee, G. Souza, J. L. Youngsaye and F. R. Zimmern.

Second Teams

The following have been chosen to represent the Craigengower Cricket Club second eleven in a League cricket match against the University to-day at Happy Valley, commencing at 2 p.m.:

C. W. Lam (Capt), B. Iranee, J. W. Leonard, G. Winch, A. Kitchell, G. A. Lee, W. Hong Sling, H. P. Lim, W. Rapley, D. Hung and A. Zimmern.

Recreio Selections

The Club de Recreio will be playing the Navy on the Navy ground to-day commencing at 2 p.m., and will be represented by the following players:

F. A. Carvalhio (Capt), E. A. R. Alves L. G. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, H. M. Xavier, A. E. Noronha, A. A. Lopes, C. P. Basto, M Mendonca, R. A. Marques and J. Soares.

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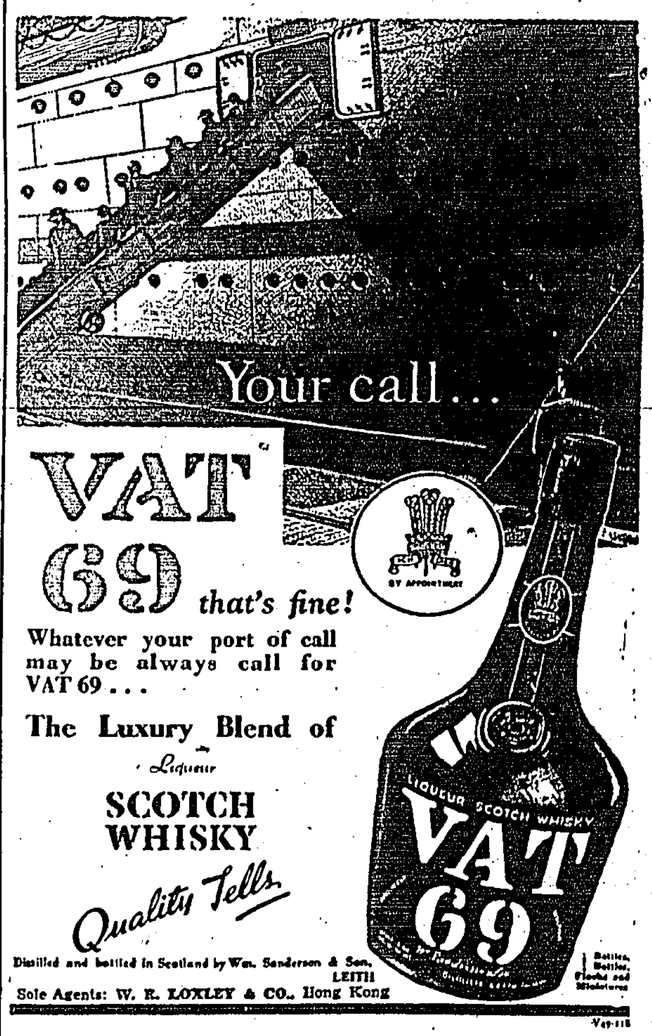

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The annual Ball of the Society of St. George, one of the big social events of the year, was held at the Peninsula Hotel last night, when H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, was the chief guest

Beefeaters and roses combined with the decorations to lend a typical English air to the occasion, and over 400 members of the Society and their guests attended to dance to traditional tunes, the Governor being one of the set for Sir Roger de Coverley.

The President of the Society, Mr. G. S. Archbutt, and his wife, entertained a dinner party and were later hosts to distinguished guests at the official supper. Owing to indisposition, Mrs. E. B. C. Dicken was unable to attend.

The Rose Room and Roof Garden had been decorated by Messrs. W. A. Cornell, A. G. W. Tickle and G. Wood. The walls were hung with the crests and badges of the principal cities of England, and the Union Jack, the Red, White and Blue Ensigns, and St. George's flag played a conspicuous part in the picture.

A new picture of St. George, enlarged from one Mr. Cornell admired at Aldershot, was given the place of honour, and this had the Patron Saint's flag on either side.

The Roof Garden was hung with flags, and from the ceiling depended a magnificent basket of red roses, the national emblem.

The bar, or "Filling Station," was brightened with scenes of English life and the countryside.

The crest of the city of Derby, the native city of the President, was hung behind his chair at the dinner party and the official supper party.

On the front of the Peninsula Hotel were placed three illuminated rose badges surmounted by flags and across the facade were the illuminated words "St. George for England."

His Excellency the Governor arrived at 7.45 p.m. to be met by the President, the Beefeaters mounting guard at the doors and a body of eight escorting the President's party to the ballroom after the dinner.

Dance and Toast

The procession into the ballroom at 9.30 p.m. comprised the President and the Governor, the Vice-President, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, and the following Past Presidents: Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. E. Cock, Lieut.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, and Mr. H. R. B. Hancock. On the dais the ladies were waiting to start the ball. They were: Mesdames Pearce, Cock, Dowbiggin, Dodwell, A. W. Bartholomew, J. D. Danby and W. A. Cornell.

The Hotel Band supplied the music and, at the wish of the Governor, Sir Roger de Coverley was danced before supper so that he could take part. The Beefeaters also provided an escort for the official party to supper.

The loyal toast was proposed by the President at supper, and he then put the toast of "St. George and Merrie England."

Mr. Archbutt said:

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,—On behalf of St. George's Society I bid all our guests a hearty welcome. We are sorry Sir, not to have Lady Northcote with us to-night, and regret the circumstances which prevent her being here. We wish her a safe journey and a speedy return. To you Sir, and to Lady Northcote I bid a hearty welcome to the Colony. We hope that you will find health and happiness in this beautiful Island.

Governor as Patron

We are particularly gratified that you have honoured us by becoming our Patron, thus signifying your interest in our activities. The Society is fortunate in having as its Patron a member of an old Devonshire family distinguished for its services to the country. (Applause).

Among our distinguished guests tonight we have with us Admiral Sir Percy Noble who has just arrived to assume command on the China Station, and we extend to him a hearty welcome on his return here. (Applause).

It is some time since he was first on this Station, but he is well known to some of the older residents. I have no doubt he will find many and considerable changes in Hongkong—"time marches on."

Saint George, the Patron Saint of England, is commemorated each year on April 23, a day rendered further sacred to English-speaking peoples as being doubly associated with Shakespeare, for it was on April 23 that he was born and died.

Owing to climatic conditions we in this Colony hold our annual ball earlier in the year on a date which is considered to be more suitable to the festivities and activities of the winter season, and so to-day, as a date, has no particular significance.

That Saint George is a historical character is beyond all reasonable doubt, and it was early in the 13th. century during the reign of Edward III that he was adopted as Patron of the Order of the Garter and as the Patron Saint of England. I do not propose to delve into the history and mystery of his origin, but I would like to remind you all that the legend of Saint George and the Dragon is simply an allegorical expression of the triumph of the Christian Hero over evil.

Dragon of Fear

Were Saint George alive to-day the dragon which I believe he would set out to slay would be the Dragon "Fear," for it seems to me that it is Fear, with all it implies, which is so greatly responsible for the troubles of this world. We did not come here to-night to discuss world affairs, but I do sincerely hope that this year will see us well along the road towards the establishment of peace and goodwill among nations.

I should like to take this opportunity of appealing to the Englishmen in the Colony who are not already members of St. George's Society, to join it.

Although I believe there are a larger number of Englishmen than Scotsmen in the Colony, the St. George's Society is not so well supported as is the St. Andrew's Society. The Scots are, of course, much more "clannish" than the English, and this accounts to a large extent for the better support of St. Andrew's Society or the lack of support of St. George's Society, whichever seems to you to be the more appropriate way of expressing it. The English are possibly more "different" and "retiring" by nature, and they certainly are obstinate and need to be cajoled and persuaded, but I can remember that, when these functions were held in the old City Hall, there was great rivalry between the two Associations on the occasion of the annual ball, and the attendances at both were very large indeed.

Former Celebrations

On one occasion the St. Andrew's Society transformed the exterior of the building until it presented the appearance of a castle, and the inside was lavishly decorated on appropriate lines. In that year the St. George's Society replied to this effort by draping the whole of the ceiling of the main dancing hall with wisteria, and very beautiful it looked. The suppers, as some of you will remember, were held in the theatre, the official party being on the stage while other members and guests were in the stalls, dress circle and boxes, all of which were cleared of the usual seats and arranged with small tables. Our friends the Hongkong Hotel Company used to do a wonderful feat of catering, which involved carrying over all the necessary crockery, glass, cutlery, linen, food and drinks to the City Hall, and serving the supper simultaneously in the boxes, dress circle, stalls and on the stage in a building which was in no way fitted for it.

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The bringing in of the Boar's Head in those days was attended with a certain amount of hazard owing to the unevenness of the floor, and on one occasion it was deposited on the floor before it reached its proper destination. (Laughter).

The same difficulty, if I remember correctly, did not attend the bringing in of the Haggis which was securely fastened down to the wooden serving platter by means of skewers and daggers. (Laughter).

Rally Round Banner

I do not propose to detain you longer, but I cannot close without expressing the hope that we shall make a better showing this year in our contests of skill with the followers of Saint Andrew. It is up to all Englishmen to rally round the banner of Saint George and help to retrieve the honours.

I also wish to take this opportunity of thanking the various members of the Committees for the work they have done to make this ball a success, and particularly Mr. Sommerfelt representing our Secretaries, who is a tower of strength to all our Presidents. (Applause).

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I will now ask you to rise and drink to the toast: Saint George for Merrie England!

The toast was honoured with acclamation.

After supper, the party returned to the ballroom, where others who had taken supper in the main dining room joined them, and dancing continued till a later hour.

Dinner Party

Following was the President's dinner party: H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, K.C.M.G., Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. and Mr. G. Treverton, Private Secretary.

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Official Supper Party

The official supper party comprised:

The President and Mrs. Bartholomew; H.E. the Governor and Mrs. Archbutt; Vice-President and Lady MacGregor; Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble and Mrs. Dodwell; Maj. General A. W. Bartholomew and Mrs. Smith; Sir Atholl MacGregor and Mrs. R. Dalzell; Commodore E. B. C. Dicken and Mrs. Hughes; Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Cock; Wing Comdr. W. A. K. Dalzell and Mrs. Dowbiggin; Mr. H. R. B. Hancock and Mrs. Pearce; Mr. A. W. Hughes and Mrs. Danby; Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mrs. Cassidy; Mr. E. Cock and Mrs. Pope; Lt.-Col. Dowbiggin and Mrs. Bousfield; Dr. G. W. Pope and Mrs. Cornell; Mr. P. S. Cassidy and Mrs. Roberts; Mr. W. A. Cornell and Mrs. Labrum; Mr. J. K. Bousfield and Miss MacGregor Ross; Mr. C. C. Roberts and Miss Cohen; Mr. J. D. Danby and Mr. V. C. Labrum.

Dance Programme

The dance programme was as follows:

Extra: Fox Trot, "Make a Wish."
Extra: Fox Trot, "To-morrow is another Day."
Waltz, "Blue Venetian Waters."
Fox Trot, "An Excuse for Dancing."
Fox Trot, "There is a Lull in my Life."
Waltz, "When I grow too old to Dream."
Fox Trot, "I never knew."

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Y. KANO, Manager.

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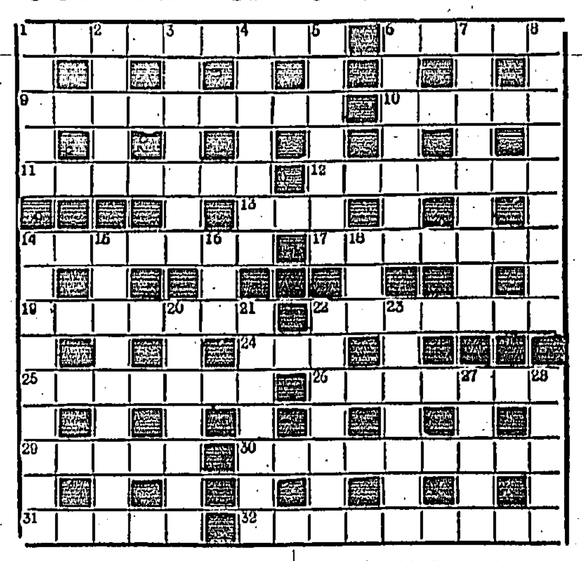


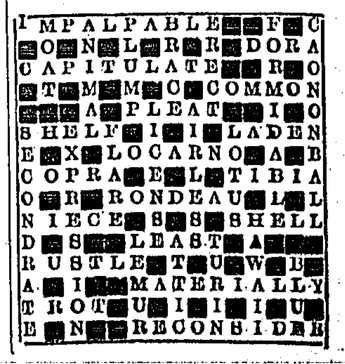
ACROSS

1 Even a safe job might be this to a cracksman (9).
6 Thrown from 1 down (5).
9 Be in a false set for a form of investment (9).
10 A bit of flora as writer (5).
11 Any straightforward traveller in Britain must come to this sooner or later (7).
12 Offspring of the brave (7).
13 This started 21 down (3).
14 Don't take the beginning of this material, but get the end (7).
17 A retrograde step (7).
19 Remove the head portion of this bird to get another (7).
22 Debate (7).
24 Feminine name (3).
25 Is elevated, flat, and thrice a particular breed (7).
26 Artifice to show possible weather forecast and wind direction (7).
29 Hoist in slang (5).
30 French material combine is not going ahead (9).
31 A carp with this might provide the chips (5).
32 Not in the vocal style of the sergeant-major (two words—5, 4).

DOWN

1 Bulls minus beef (5).
2 This is barred at the Zoo (5).
3 The kind of voice for the bridegroom's "I will" (7).
4 Noel put as being well to do (7).
5 It is on the bed of the track of course (7).
6 Would this be used to cut the first part? (7).
7 Unpremeditated (9).
8 English cape (9).
14 A bed put up on another piece of furniture is liable to be disputed (9).
15 Farthest out to say not the least (9).
16 Part of 25 across (3).
18 A Royal signature (3).
20 With nothing to spare (7).
21 Hardly a cape, but might help to make one (7).
22 Alas no more, but with merriment at heart (7).
23 Italian port (two words—3, 4).
27 Irish town or county (5).
28 His sons are high born (5).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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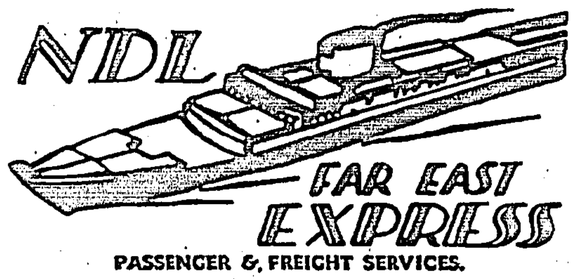

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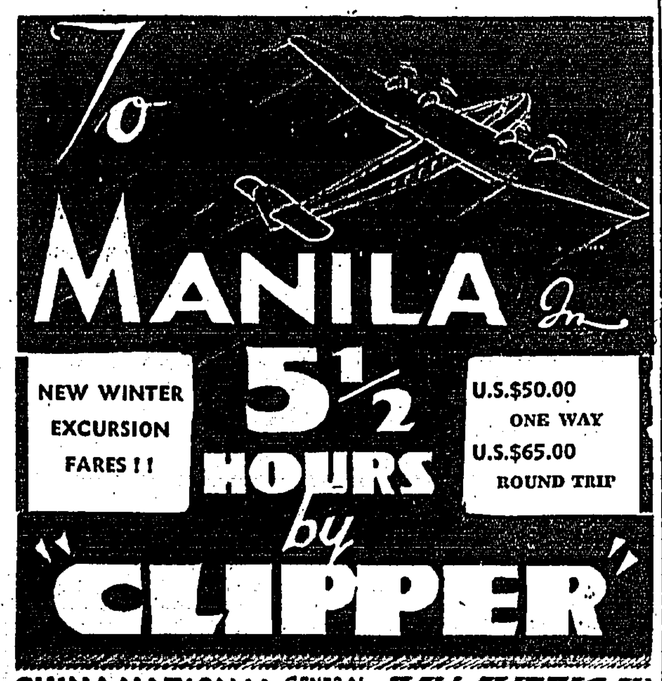

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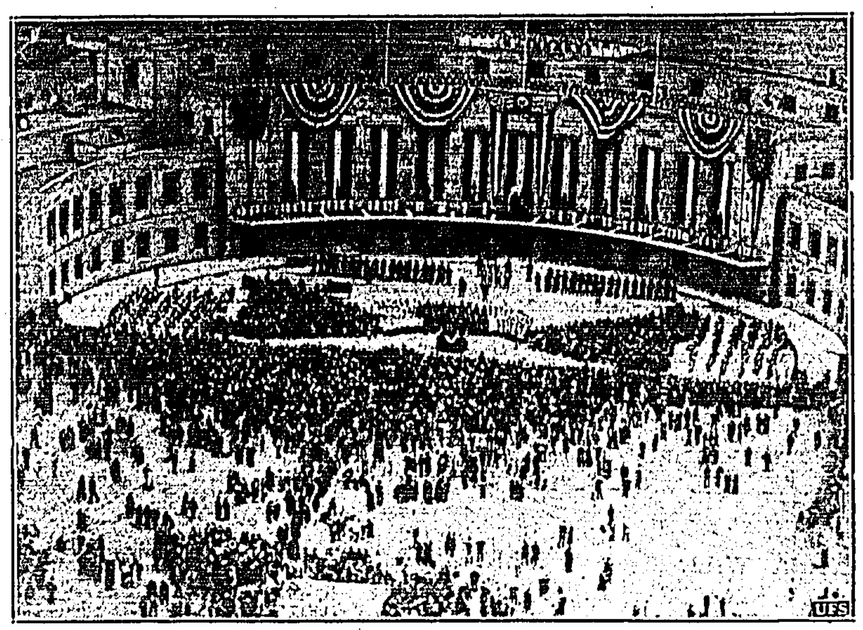
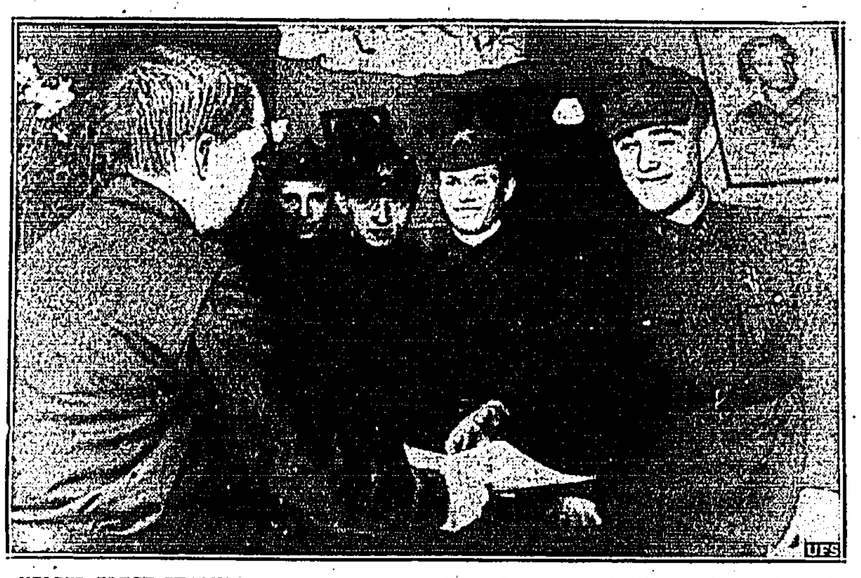


DEDICATION—At least 12,000 persons trekked to Treasure Island, man-made site of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco Bay, to watch the dedication ceremonies and to inspect the largest artificial island in the world. This airview shows the throng gathered in the plaza in front of the Administration Building, where colourful exercises were held. Construction of buildings for the fair is proceeding rapidly.



HELPED ELECT STALIN—Recent election day in Soviet Russia was a holiday, as the people went to the polls. Here the junior commander of a platoon of the Moscow Proletarian Division, K. Molovhnikov, receives ballots in the Molotov election district. Result of the vote was a foregone conclusion. The Stalinist ticket lost only .007 per cent of the vote cast.

IN EGYPT—Perhaps 4,000 years before the birth of Christ these pyramids were built near Cairo, Egypt. Here is an interesting scene combining the ancient and modern, where European residents of Cairo have set up a Christmas tree in the ancient land. Ages ago the Israelites, forerunners of Christ whose birthday is marked by the tree, were held in bondage by the Egyptian rulers.

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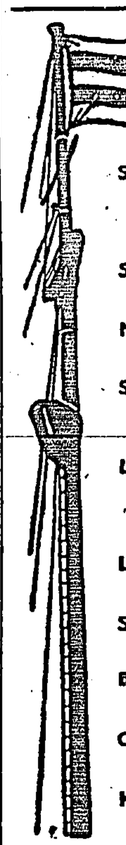

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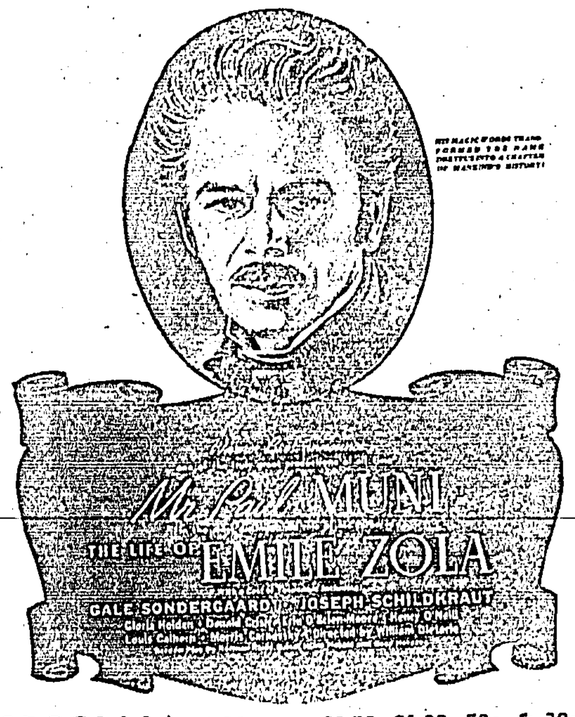

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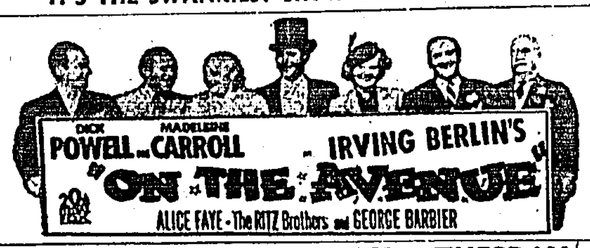

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Lisbon Cheers British Navy On Departure

Lisbon, Feb. 5.

Amid rousing cheers of thousands of citizens of Lisbon, the giant British warships, led by H.M.S. Repulse, sailed for Gibraltar to-day at the conclusion of their goodwill visit.

Everyone in the fleet is delighted by the reception given. Admiral Sir Roger Backhouse in his farewell message expressed his regret that their stay in the beautiful country was not of longer duration.

Before their departure, Admiral Backhouse, accompanied by a detachment of bluejackets, marched to the Portuguese War Memorial and in the presence of representatives of the Portuguese forces and a vast crowd laid a handsome wreath.—*Reuter Special.*

Big Sums For Defence Of Pacific

Canada Sees Danger To West Coastline

Ottawa, Feb. 5.

Defence of Canada's Pacific coastline receives prominence in the Defence estimates, which were introduced in Parliament to-day.

The estimates total $34,000,000. An accompanying memorandum emphasises the importance of Pacific defence.

The estimates provide for the purchase of two new destroyers from Great Britain, and also for 55 new aircraft, and the augmenting of the Naval Volunteer Reserve by enlistment of fishermen, sailors and yachtsmen aged between 18 and 35.—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS NEWS

CHINA WILL RULE HERSELF

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

In contrast to the policy in Manchuria six years ago, said General Sugiyama to-day in the Diet, Japan now intends "to make the Chinese rule themselves in North China. Japan will help Chinese to achieve self-government."—*Reuter.*

FRIENDSHIP PROVED

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

All doubts as to reliability of Germany as signatory with Japan of anti-Comintern pact were dispelled by Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, to-day.

Germany has forbidden direct arms exports to China and thus German-made arms recently reported to have been received by China must have come by a round-about way.

Germany has decided to recognise Manchukuo, the Foreign Minister continued.

Italy is also strictly controlling shipment of arms to China.—*Reuter.*

PUNITIVE WAR TO CONTINUE

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

Military, political and economic measures to be taken by Japanese in China were decided upon at a joint meeting of the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters to-day.

It was decided the Government would no longer deal with the administration at Chungking and would continue punitive measures against Marshal Chiang.—*Reuter.*

CONSULATE TO BE CLOSED

Kobe, Feb. 5.

Two days earlier than anticipated the Chinese Consulate-General will be closed here to-day and Mr. Wang Shou-shan will go to China to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

MARTIAL LAW CONTINUES

Canton, Feb. 5.

Canton is quiet, with martial law still in force.

Several thousand Chinese troops are stationed in Tungshan, which is bristling with activity.

Reliable foreign sources report intensive bombardment at Swatow, but planes have not visited the fort itself.

A second boom has been placed across the West River, effectively blocking all communication to the sea.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE LANDING REPULSED

Canton, Feb. 5.

Scores of Japanese marines attempted to land at Tongkawan in small boats yesterday but were driven back by the Chinese garrison, according to a telephone message.

The message confirms that two Japanese planes were downed at Tongkawan yesterday morning.—*Central News.*

JAPANESE WARSHIPS ATTACK AMOY

Amoy, Feb. 5.

Japanese warships attempted to steam into Amoy harbour yesterday morning, firing at the Chinese forts. The forts replied the fire and drove them back.—*Central News.*

U.S. Reducing Forces On China Soil

Washington, Feb. 4.

The United States decided to-day to reduce its armed forces in northern China.

The State Department has announced the withdrawal of the Fifteenth Infantry Brigade now stationed at Tientsin and the transfer to Tientsin from Peiping of two companies of Marines.

State Department officials said that this action is in line with "the principle effecting withdrawal of such forces whenever the situation is such as to warrant the view that withdrawals can be effected without detriment to American interests and obligations in general."

The announcement added that the United States had long been committed to this principle.—*Reuter.*

Japan Chiefs In Conference

China's Relations With Russia Under Examination

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

It is understood that an Imperial Headquarters conference to-day discussed wide subjects related to the conflict in China, including Soviet Russia's relations with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and the prospective organisation of additional Chinese provisional governments. The Japanese attitude in this respect was examined.

However, no announcement is expected in connection with these conversations due to their military phases.

It is believed possible a statement may be released piece-meal, although it will not be official *communique*.

Questioned on Japan's relations with Italy and Germany, Mr. Koki both are strictly controlling their munitions shipments to China. Italy especially, is suppressing munitions smugglers.—*United Press.*

Closing Of River Boom Explained

Canton, Feb. 4.

Referring to the broadcast received in Canton to-day, supposed to have been sent out by a London broadcasting station, alleging that the closing of the boom at Bocca Tigris is due to the severance of relations between Kwangtung and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, General Yu Han-mou, commander-in-chief of the Fourth Route Army and General Wu Te-chen, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, categorically refute the allegation and brand it "absolutely without foundation."

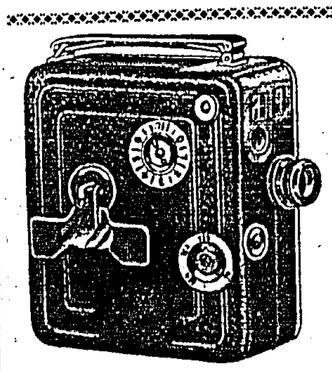
The 35,000,000 people and all the troops in Kwangtung province, remain absolutely loyal to the National Government, Generals Yu and Wu declared and will continue to support Generalissimo Chiang without reserve.

The closing of the boom, the officials explained, is due entirely to the threatened attack of the Japanese against Canton.—*Central News.*

DUNERA HERE FROM NORTH

The troopship Dunera returned from Shanghai to-day with details from the North who have been relieved. These have already been published. Chief among the arrivals were the Royal Welch Fusiliers who returned from a five months' stay in the northern port where they strengthened the British garrison.

The Fusiliers disembarked at No. 5 Kowloon Wharf this morning and proceeded to their barracks at Shamshuipo. They will re-embark for the Sudan on February 11 when the Dunera sails for the United Kingdom.



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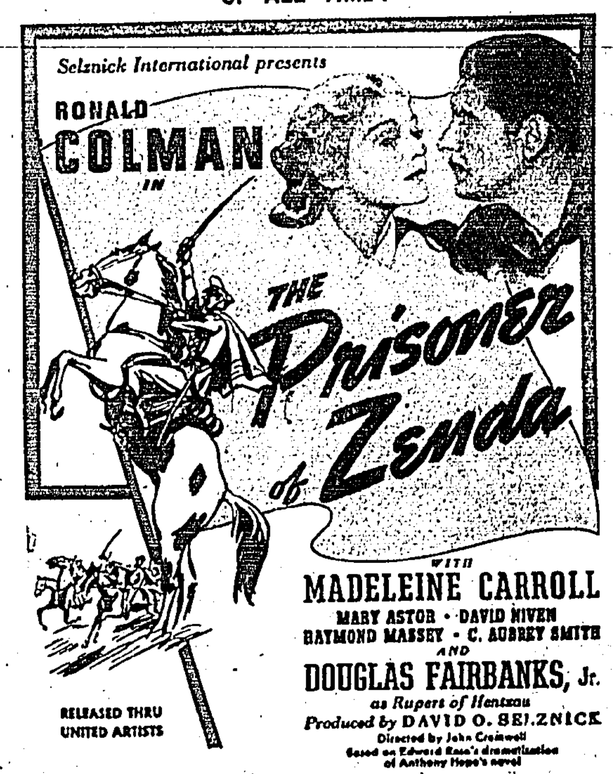

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